Prior Authorization Criteria

AS OF OCTOBER 2015



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The following is the listing of SFHP prior authorization criteria that will be used to evaluate prior authorization requests. SFHP's pharmacy prior authorization criteria are based on clinical monographs and National Pharmacy and Therapeutics guidelines (P&T) and have been approved by SFHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. Prior Authorization Criteria will be updated regularly to reflect ongoing changes and is subject to change without notice.

Prior Authorization Requests for Non-Preferred Medications

Non-preferred medications may be authorized when there is clinical justification for doing so. Clinicians can submit a prior authorization (PA) request for a non-preferred medication in one of three different ways:

- 1. **Download and fax** Prior Authorization Request Form to (855)811-9330 for standard requests or (855)811-9331 for urgent requests.
- 2. **Call our Pharmacy Benefits Manager** (PBM) PerformRx at **(888)989-0091** to submit a verbal request.
- 3. **Submit Online** using the <u>Online Pharmacy Prior</u> Authorization Request Form.

Prior Authorization Request Form and Online Pharmacy Prior Authorization Request Form can be accessed from our website at http://www.sfhp.org/providers/formulary/prior-authorization-requests/.

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Abiraterone (Zytiga®) Last updated: July 2013 Last reviewed: January 2015	 Diagnosis of metastatic prostate cancer AND Patient has castration-resistant disease (defined by tumor growth/disease progression, rise in PsA levels, new metastases). AND Zytiga (abiraterone) will be used in combination with prednisone 	1 year	Lack of disease progression per PA request with clinic notes attached	250 mg: #4 per day
ACE Inhibitors Fosinopril(Monopril®), Moexipril (Univasc®), Perindopril (Aceon®), Ramipril (Altace®) Last updated: May 2013 Last reviewed: January 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use of ALL of the formulary ACE Inhibitors: Benazepril Captopril Enalapril Lisinopril Quinapril	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Fosinopril, Perindopril, Ramipril: #1 per day Moexipril: #2 per day
Acyclovir (Zovirax) 5% cream Penciclovir (Denavir) 1% cream	Herpes labialis (cold sore)Patient is > 12 years of ageAND	1 fill per year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	5 gm per 30 days

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Created: January 2015 Updated: April 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use ALL of the following: Oral acyclovir and docosanol (Abreva®) 10% cream as first line therapy Oral valacyclovir or oral famciclovir AND penciclovir (Denavir) 1% cream as second line therapy			
Acyclovir (Zovirax) 5% ointment Created: January 2015 Reviewed: April 2015	Genital herpes or herpes simplex infections in immuno-compromised patients Trial and failure or inability to use at least two oral antivirals (i.e. acyclovir, valacyclovir, famciclovir)	1 fill per year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	15 gm per 30 days
ADHD Amphetamine Salts ER capsules (Adderall XR®), Atomoxetine (Straterra®), Dextroamphetamine SR capsules (Dexedrine®), Methylphenidate ER osmotic release tablets (Concerta®), Methylphenidate CD capsules (Metadate CD®), Methylphenidate LA	Amphetamine Salts ER capsules (Adderall XR®), Dextroamphetamine SR capsules (Dexedrine®), Methylphenidate ER osmotic release tablets (Concerta®), Methylphenidate CD capsules (Metadate CD®), Methylphenidate LA capsules (Ritalin LA®) • Diagnosis of ADHD AND • For patients > 18 years of age: prescriber is a psychiatrist	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request NOTE: requests for nonformulary medications (e.g. Focalin XR®, Vyvanse®) will be modified to a preferred product if one has not been tried	#1 per day for all formulations except #2 per day for dextroamphetamine SR (Dexedrine®)

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capsules (Ritalin LA®)	Atomoxetine (Strattera ®)			
	Diagnosis of ADHD			
Created: January 2014	AND			
Last updated: April 2014	 For patients ≤ 18 years of age: trial and failure or 			
Last reviewed: January 2015	inability to use at least 2 stimulants (e.g. due to potential of substance abuse)			
	 For patients > 18 years of age: trial and failure or inability to use: 			
	 at least 2 stimulants (e.g. due to potential for substance abuse) 			
	AND			
	o bupropion, clonidine IR or guanfacine IR			
	AND			
	 For patients > 18 years of age: prescriber is a psychiatrist 			
Albuterol HFA	Trial and failure or inability to use preferred agents	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued clinical	# 2 inhalers/30 days
(Proair® HFA,	specified in the order below:		need for PA request	
Proventil® HFA)	 Ventolin[®] HFA Proair[®] HFA (Step therapy with Ventolin[®] HFA) Proventil[®] HFA (Step therapy with Proventil[®] HFA) 			

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Last updated: April 2015				
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Antiemetics	Ondansetron solution:	6 months	Ondansetron solution	Ondansetron solution
Ondansetron solution (Zofran®) Granisetron tablets (Kytril®) Last updated: July 2013 Last reviewed: January	 Nausea/vomiting Inability to swallow AND Trial and failure or inability to use ondansetron oral disintegrating tablet 		Therapeutic response per PA request and continued inability to use oral tablets Granisetron Therapeutic response and active chemotherapy	#10ml/day Granisetron #12/30 days
2015	Granisetron tablets: Chemotherapy related nausea/vomiting (CINV) Trial and failure or inability to use ondansetron		treatment	
Antihistamines – Second generation Desloratadine (Clarinex®) 5 mg tabs	Allergic rhinitis WITHOUT nasal congestion Trial and failure or inability to use at least three formulary antihistamines (e.g. loratadine, cetirizine, fexofenadine)	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#1/day
Created: May 2013	Allergic rhinitis WITH nasal congestion			

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Last updated: January 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use ALL of the following: • At least 3 formulary antihistamines (e.g. loratadine, cetirizine, fexofenadine) • At least 1 inhaled corticosteroid (e.g. fluticasone, flunisolide, Nasacort OTC)			
Antimalarial Agents Malarone (Atovaquone- Proguanil)	Prevention or treatment of Malaria: Member is travelling to area of resistance to preferred formulary chloroquine, mefloquine, and doxycycline OR	As stated per request	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	#1 per day
250/100 mg, 62.5/25 mg	Member is < 8 years old or pregnant and tried/failed or unable to use preferred formulary chloroquine and mefloquine			
Created: October 2014 Last reviewed: January 2015	Member has tried and failed or unable to use preferred formulary chloroquine, mefloquine, and doxycycline			
Antiplatelet Agents Formulary: Cilostazol (Pletal) Clopidogrel (Plavix) 75	 Effient Trial and failure or inability to use clopidogrel 75 mg Non-formulary drugs 	5 years	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Formulary: Ciclostazol: #2/day Step-therapy: Prasugrel: #1/day

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mg Dipyridamole (Persantine) Step-therapy: Prasugrel (Effient) Non-formulary: Aspirin/extended- release dipyridamole (Aggrenox) Anagrelide HCI** (Agrylin) Clopidogrel (Plavix) 300mg Ticagrelor (Brilinta) Voraxapar (Zontivity) Last updated: July 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use clopidogrel 75 mg as a first line preferred product AND Trial and failure or inability to use Effient as the second line preferred product *NOTE: Vorapaxar cannot be used in patients with history of stroke or TIA 1.			Nonformulary: Ticagrelor: #2/day Voraxapar: #1/day Aggrenox: #2/day Anagrelide: #2/day
Antispasmodics Oxybutynin XL (Ditropan XL®), Oxybutynin patch (Oxytrol®), Tolterodine (Detrol®), Tolterodine LA (Detrol LA®),Trospium (Sanctura®), Darifenacin	Overactive bladder Trial and failure or inability to use preferred agents specified in the order below: 1. Oxybutynin IR 2. Oxybutynin XL 3. Tolterodine 4. Tolterodine LA 5. Trospium, Darifenacin, Solifenacin, Oxybutynin	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Oxybutynin XL: #1/day Tolterodine: #2/day Tolterodine LA: #1/day Trospium: #2/day Darifenacin: #1/day Solifenacin: #1/day

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(Enablex [®]), Solifenacin (Vesicare [®])	patch			Oxybutynin patch: #8 patches/30 days
Last updated: May 2013 Last reviewed: January 2015				
Antivirals, Oral Formulary: Acyclovir #150/30 days Valacyclovir #90/30 days PA requried: Famciclovir (Famvir) Last updated: July 2015	Famciclovir Trial and failure or inability to use acyclovir or valacyclovir	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Famciclovir: #3/day
Aprepitant (Emend®) Last updated: January 2015	 Patient is on highly emetogenic chemotherapy (e.g. cisplatin)** OR Patient is on moderately emetogenic chemotherapy with documentation of trial and failure of standard antiemetic regimen or risk factors for chemotherapy induced nausea and 	6 months or duration of chemotherap y	Patient is still on chemotherapy	#3 per 21 days

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	vomiting**			
ARBs Formulary: irbesartan losartan valsartan Step therapy: candesartan Non-formulary: azilsartan (Edabri) eprosartan olmesartan (Benicar) telmisartan ARBS combos Formulary: losartan/HCTZ irbesartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ valsartan/HCTZ Valsartan/Amlodipine	Candesartan: trial and failure or inability to use irbesartan, losartan, AND valsartan Non-formulary products: trial and failure or inability to use candesartan, irbesartan, losartan AND valsartan ARBs combos Candesartan/HCTZ: trial and failure or inability to use irbesartan/HCTZ, losartan/HCTZ, valsartan/HCTZ AND valsartan/amlodipine Non-formulary products: trial and failure or inability to use candesartan/HCTZ, irbesartan/HCTZ, losartan/HCTZ, losartan/HCTZ, valsartan/HCTZ AND valsartan/amlodipine	5 years	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	#1 per day

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eprosartan/HCTZ (Teveveten HCT) olmesartan/HCTZ (Benicar HCT) olmesartan/amlodipine (Azor) olmesartan/amlodipine /HCTZ (Tribenzor) telmisartan/HCTZ (Micardis HCT) telmisartan/amlodipine (Twynsta) valsartan/amlodipine/ HCTZ (Exforge HCT) Last updated: May 2013 Last updated: July 2015				
Azelaic Acid (Azelex [®] , Finacea [®])	Acne vulgaris Trial and failure or inability to use of ALL of the following:	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Azelex [®] : #30gm/30 days Finacea [®] : #50 gm/30 days
Last updated: January 2015	 Benzoyl peroxide Topical clindamycin or erythromycin Topical tretinoin 			
	Papulopustular Rosacea			
	Trial and failure or inability to use topical			

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	metronidazole			
Bile Acid Sequestrants Colesevelam	Trial and failure or contraindication of cholestyramine powder	2 years	None	Colesevelam granules: #1 packet/day
(Welchol®), Colestipol (Colestid®)				Colesevelam tablets: #6/day
Created: May 2013				
Updated: January 2015				Colestipol granules: 30 gm/day
				Colestipol tablets: #16/day
Biologics *	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Initiation of	The member has	<u>Enbrel</u> ®
Adalimumab (Humira [®]), Etanercept (Enbrel [®])	 Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND Patient has a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis 	therapy: 6 months (8 weeks for ulcerative colitis)	been receiving the medication and documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the patient and recommends	Rheumatoid arthritis, Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis*, Psoriatic arthritis, Ankylosing spondylitis
*Abatacept (Orencia®), Anakinra (Kineret®),	ANDDrug has been prescribed by or is currently being	Continuation of therapy: 1	continuation of therapy	• 25 mg #8 (syringes) or 4.08 ml (8 vials) per 28 days (25 mg

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Certolizumab Pegol (Cimzia®), Golimumab (Simponi®), Tofacitinib (Xeljanz®), Tocilizumab (Actemra®), Ustekinumab (Stelara®) are nonformulary and require trial and failure with or inability to use Humira® AND Enbrel® prior to approval Created: May 2013 Last updated: January	 supervised by a rheumatologist AND Documented trial and failure with at least two synthetic DMARDS (e.g. methotrexate, hydroxychoroquine, sulfasalazine, or leflunomide) or medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc) for not using DMARD agents OR Early RA [less than 6 months from diagnosis] with poor prognosis (e.g. boney erosions, rheumatoid nodules, positive rheumatoid factor, and severe functional limitation) AND Patient was evaluated for active or latent TB infection (e.g. tuberculin skin test) 	year	Documentation submitted indicates that the member has obtained significant clinical benefit from the medication.	2x/week dosing) OR • 50 mg 3.92 ml per 28 days (1 kit, 4 syringes/pen injectors) (50 mg once weekly dosing) NOTE: for Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, dose should be 0.8 mg/kg once weekly (max 50 mg/dose) or 0.4 mg/kg 2x/week (max 25 mg/dose)
2015	 Ankylosing Spondylitis Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND Patient has a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis 			 Plaque Psoriasis Up to 50 mg 7.84 ml per 28 days (2 kits, 8 syringes/pen injectors) for the first 3 months (50 mg 2x/week dosing) Then 50 mg 3.92 ml per 28 days (1 kit, 4

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	Drug has been prescribed by or is currently being supervised by a rheumatologist AND Patient has documented treatment failure with at least 2 NSAIDs or medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc) for not using NSAIDs AND Patient was evaluated for active or latent TB infection (e.g. tuberculin skin test) Crohn's Disease Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND Patient has a diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's Disease AND			syringes/pen injectors) (50 mg once weekly dosing) Humira® Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis: #2 per 28 days (1 kit or #2 syringes/vials) OR #4 per 28 days (2 kits or #4 syringes/vials) with documented treatment failure of 40 mg every other week (16 weeks of continuous therapy AND medical reason for not using methotrexate)
	 Drug has been prescribed by or is currently being supervised by a gastroenterologist or 			Juvenile Idiopathic

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	rheumatologist			Arthritis:
	Patient has a documented failure of one or more conventional therapies for Crohn's Disease such as corticosteroids, azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine			#2 per 28 days (1 kit or 2 syringes, 20mg/0.4ml if 15-30kg in weight or 40mg/0.8ml if >=30kg weight)
	 AND Patient was evaluated for active or latent TB infection (e.g. tuberculin skin test) Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Patient is 17 years of age or younger** AND 			 Plaque Psoriasis: #4 per 28 days x 1 month (Psoriasis starter package, 4 x 40mg syringes) then #2 per 28 days (#1 kit/#2 syringes/pens)
	 Patient has a documented clinical diagnosis of juvenile idiopathic arthritis AND			Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis:
	 Drug has been prescribed by or is currently being supervised by a rheumatologist AND Patient has documented trial and failure of at 			40 mg #6 per 28 days x 1 month (Crohn's Disease starter package, contains 6 x 40mg syringes)

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	least 2 months with at least one DMARD (e.g. methotrexate) or has a documented medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity) for not utilizing DMARDs AND Patient was evaluated for active or latent TB			then 40 mg #2 per 28 days (#1 kit, #2 syringes/vials)
	 infection (e.g. tuberculin skin test) Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Patient is 17 years of age or younger** AND 			
	Patient has a documented clinical diagnosis of juvenile idiopathic arthritis AND Drug has been preserted by an in suggestive being.			
	 Drug has been prescribed by or is currently being supervised by a rheumatologist AND Patient was evaluated for active or latent TB infection (e.g. tuberculin skin test) 			

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	<u>Psoriasis</u>			
	Patient is 18 years of age or older**			
	AND			
	Patient has a diagnosis of chronic moderate to severe plaque psoriasis			
	AND			
	Drug is being prescribed by a dermatologist			
	AND			
	Trial and failure or inability to use at least 3 of the following:			
	o Topical steroids			
	 Topical medications [i.e. Dovonex[®] (calcipotriene), Tazorac[®] (tazorotene), anthralin or a coal tar preparation] 			
	 Methotrexate (inability to use examples include but not limited to history of liver or kidney disease, pregnancy, severe cytopenia, alcoholism) 			
	o Cyclosporine			
	o Acitretin (Soriatane®)			

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	O UVB phototherapy or PUVA (psoralen – oral or topical methoxsalen plus UVA therapy) (inability to use examples include but not limited to pregnancy, skin cancer, hypersensitivity due to preexisting disease state - e.g. systemic lupus erythematus, cataracts) AND			
	Patient was evaluated for active or latent TB infection (e.g. tuberculin skin test)			
	Psoriatic Arthritis			
	Patient is 18 years of age or older**			
	AND			
	Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis			
	AND			
	Drug is being prescribed by a rheumatologist or dermatologist			
	AND			
	Documented trial and failure with at least one DMARD (e.g. methotrexate 25-30 mg per week			

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	for 3 months) or inability to use DMARD (e.g. liver toxicity with methotrexate)			
	OR			
	Predominantly axial symptoms (i.e. spinal column or sacral involvement) or active enthesitis (tendon swelling) and/or dactylitis (toe/finger swelling) with trial and failure of NSAIDS or steroids			
	AND			
	Trial and failure with methotrexate at maximum doses for 3 months or inability to use methotrexate (e.g. predominantly axial symptoms, liver toxicity)			
	AND			
	Patient was evaluated for active or latent TB infection (e.g. tuberculin skin test)			
	<u>Ulcerative Colitis</u>			
	Patient is 18 years of age or older**			
	AND			

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	Drug is being prescribed by a gastroenterologist			
	AND			
	Trial and failure or inability to use (e.g. GI intolerance, hypersensitivity) sulfasalazine (3 to 6 g/day for 3 months), mesalamine (1.2 to 2.4 g/day for 3 months), azathioprine (2 to 2.5 mg/kg/day), 6-mercaptopurine (1.5 to 2 mg/kg/day) or oral corticosteroids			
	AND			
	Patient was evaluated for active or latent TB infection (e.g. tuberculin skin test)			
Bisphosphonates	Osteoporosis or Paget's disease	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical	Ibandronate 150 mg: #1/30 days
Risedronate (Actonel®)	Trial and failure or inability to use preferred agents specified in the order below:		need per PA request	Risedronate 5 mg: #1/day
Ibandronate (Boniva®)	1. Alendronate			
Risedronate (Atelvia®)	2. Ibandronate3. Risedronate			Risedronate 35 mg: #4/30 days
Created: May 2013				Risedronate 150 mg: #1/30 days
Updated: January 2015				
Bosutinib (Bosulif [®])	Diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML)	1 year	Lack of disease progression	100, 500 mg: #1 per day

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Last updated: May 2013	AND Patient is 18 years of age or older**			
Lust apadied. May 2010	Patient is 16 years of age of older AND Patient has documented treatment failure to prior therapy (e.g. Gleevec, Sprycel or Tasigna) or has a documented clinically significant medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc) for not taking prior therapy			
Brand Name Medications Requests *SFHP has a mandatory generic policy and requires generic substitution when an equivalent generic product is available. Created: October 2015	 Trial and failure of at least 2 generic versions of the requested drug by different manufacturers per claims history or documentation (e.g. dates tried, reason for trial and failure) from the provider OR Inability to use at least 2 generic versions of the requested drug by the different manufacturers (e.g. 2 generic versions are not available) AND Documented trial and failure or inability to use up to three preferred medications (if available) used to treat the documented diagnosis provided there is no evidence supporting use of the requested non-preferred medication compared to preferred agents. OR The requested drug is in one of the following classes: anti-epileptics, immunosuppressants 	See drug-specific PA criteria OR 5 years: for anti-epileptics and immunosuppr essants OR 2 years for the following indications: asthma/COP D, HTN, ESRD (e.g. phosphate	See drug-specific PA criteria OR Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request for drugs without criteria	See drug-specific PA criteria OR As requested not to exceed FDA approved or off-label dos

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		binders), testosterone replacement, BPH, overactive bladder hypercholeste rolemia, depression/a nxiety/mood disorders, diabetes, osteoporosis OR 1 year: for all other medications		
Budesonide capsule (Entocort®) 3 mg capsule Updated: October 2013	 Patient is 21 years of age or older** AND Diagnosis of mild to moderate active or remissive Crohn's disease involving the ileum and/or the ascending colon AND Prescription written by a gastroenterologist 	Active Crohn's disease or recurring episode of active disease 8 weeks	Evaluation of progress notes and rationale for why continuation is needed	#90 per 30 days

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	 AND Documented trial and failure with 16 weeks of therapy at therapeutic doses of at least two preferred agents (eg. sulfasalazine, mesalamine, and prednisone) 	Crohn's Disease 3 months		
Budesonide ER tablet (Uceris®) 9 mg tabs Last updated: October 2013	 Patient is 21 years of age or older** AND Indication of induction of remission of active mild to moderate ulcerative colitis AND Prescription written by a gastroenterologist AND Documented trial and failure with 16 weeks of therapy at therapeutic doses of at least two preferred agents (eg. mesalamine, balsalazide or olsalazine) 	8 weeks	Evaluation of progress notes and rationale for why continuation is needed	#30 per 30 days
Budesonide respules (Pulmicort®) Last updated: July 2013	Trial and failure or inability to use any inhaled corticosteroid multi-dose inhaler *on formulary for patients < 8 years old	1 year	Therapeutic response per PA request	#360 ml/90 days

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Butorphanol (Stadol NS®)	Acute pain (moderate to severe) or migraine Trial and failure of 3 or more formulary pain medications	Initial Authorization: 6 months	Therapeutic response per PA request	#1 unit/30 days
Last updated: May 2013	 Followed by a Migraine specialist, Neurologist, or Pain Management specialist 	Reauthorizati on: 1 year		
Calcipotriene (Dovonex) Created: January 2015	Plaque psoriasis: Trial and failure or inability to use at least two medium or high potency steroids	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	60 gm per 30 days
Capecitabine (Xeloda®) Last updated: July 2013	The member has a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer OR The member has a diagnosis of Dukes' C colon cancer AND has undergone complete resection of the primary tumor OR The member has a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer, AND capecitabine is being used: In combination with docetaxel after failure	1 year	Lack of disease progression per PA request with clinic notes attached	1250 mg/m² twice daily for 2 weeks, every 21 days (patient's BSA must be provided on the PA request)

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	OR As monotherapy in patients resistant to both paclitaxel and an anthracycline-containing regimen (or for whom further anthracycline therapy is not indicated)			
Cardio: CHF Neprilysin & ARB PA Required Sacubitril/Valsartan (Entresto®) Created October 2015	 Patient is ≥ 21 years of age** AND Drug is prescribed by (or in consultation with) a cardiologist AND Diagnosis of chronic heart failure (NYHA class II, III, or IV) and reduced ejection fraction AND Cannot be used concomitantly with an ACE inhibitor AND Cannot be used with ACEI or aliskiren in patients with diabetes AND On a maximum tolerated dose of beta-blocker or diuretic AND Documentation of titration schedule 	36 months	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Initial quantity and duration based on provided titration schedule Maintenance: #60 per 30 days FDA approved dosing: 24/26 mg: #2/day for 2 or 4 weeks duration 49/51 mg: #2/day for 2 or 4 weeks duration 97/103 mg: #2/day for 4 weeks Maximum 12 week titration To continue lower dose beyond 8 weeks, statement that maximum tolerated dose has been

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				reached is needed
Carvedilol CR (Coreg CR®)	Congestive Heart Failure stage B,C, or D or left ventricular dysfunction following a myocardial infarction	2 years	None	#1/day
Last updated: January 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use generic carvedilol			
Celecoxib (Celebrex®)	Trial and failure or inability to use 2 or more NSAIDs	1 year	None	#2/day
Last updated: May 2013	OR One of the following: Over the age of 60 Concurrent proton pump inhibitor therapy Concurrent aspirin or warfarin therapy Concurrent oral corticosteroid therapy History of GI ulcer, GI bleed, GI intolerance with NSAIDs or H. Pylori infection			
	Familial adenomatous polyposis			
	Approvable condition			
Cholinesterase Inhibitors	Trial and failure or inability to use formulary donepezil	1 year	None	Razadyne

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Galantamine (Razadyne [®] , Razadyne ER [®]), Rivastigmine (Exelon [®]), Donepezil ODT (Aricept ODT [®])	OR For ODT and patch formulations: Intolerance to oral medications or issues with compliance			#2/day Razadyne ER #1/day Rivastigmine
Last updated: May 2013				#2/day Rivastigmine patches #1/day
				Donepezil ODT #1/day
Ciclesonide (Alvesco®)	Asthma Trial and failure of all of the following: Beclomethasone (Qvar®) Budesonide (Pulmicort®)	2 years	None	#1 unit/40 days

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Last updated January 2015	Fluticasone (Flovent®)			
Ciprofloxacin- Dexamethasone Otic Suspension (Ciprodex [®])	Trial and failure or intolerance to ciprofloxacin otic solution or ofloxacin otic solution OR Patient has inflammation, pruritus or ear pain	1 fill	None (1 time approval)	7.5 ml for 1 fill
Last updated: July 2013				
Clobazam (Onfi®) Created: February 2013 Last updated: January 2015	 Diagnosis is Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome or epilepsy AND Patient is using at least 1 other antiepileptic medication AND 	5 years	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	#1 per day
	Trial and failure of 2 or more anticonvulsants AND Initially prescribed or being followed by a neurologist			

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Clonidine patches	Hypertension	2 years	None	#4 patches per 28 days
(Catapres-TTS®)	Approvable if the member is unable to swallow or has issues with compliance			
Last updated: January 2015				
Clostridium Difficile	C. difficile-associated diarrhea (CDAD):	Quantity as	Therapeutic response	Vancomycin (Vancocin®)
Agents		requested by provider at no more than 30	and continued clinical need per PA request	#40 per 10 days, 2 fills per year
Vancomycin capsules	Vancomycin (Vancocin®)	day supply		
(Vancocin®)	Trial and failure of inability to use metronidazole			Fidaxomicin (Difcid®)
	(ie. Pregnancy in first trimester)			#20 per 10 days, 1 fill per year
Fidaxomicin				
(Dificid®)	Fidaxomicin (Difcid®)			
(Billoide)	Trial and failure of inability to use metronidazole (ie. Pregnancy in first trimester)			
Created: October 2014	AND			
	Trial and failure of inability to use oral vancomycin			
CNS stimulants:	Narcolepsy:	1 year	Therapeutic response	#1 per day

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Modafinil (Provigil®)	 Patient is ≥ 21 years of age* 		and continued medical need per PA request	
Armodafinil (Nuvigil®)	AND		nieeu pei FA Tequesi	
Created: January 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use methylphenidate or dextroamphetamine/amphetamine AND			
	For Nuvigil: trial and failure or inability to use modafinil			
	Excessive sleepiness due to obstructive sleep apnea/hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS)			
	 Patient is ≥ 21 years of age* 			
	AND			
	Trial and failure or inability to use continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) therapy			
	AND			
	For Nuvigil: trial and failure or inability to use modafinil			

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	Shift work sleep disorder (SWSD), or fatigue/sleepiness due to multiple sclerosis (MS): • Patient is ≥ 21 years of age*			
	AND For Nuvigil: trial and failure or inability to use			
	modafinil			
Colchicine (Colcrys®)	Acute gout attack	Acute gout	Acute gout attack	Acute gout attack
Created: April 2014 Last updated: January	Trial and failure of maximum doses of one NSAID (e.g. naproxen 500 mg TID, indomethacin 50 mg TID) or inability to use NSAIDs (e.g.	attack 1 fill	Lack of symptomatic relief	#30 per fill
2015	age>65, GFR < 30 ml/min, history of GI bleed)	Chronic gout	Chronic gout	(1.2 mg initially, then 0.6 mg one hour later, followed by 0.6 BID until
	Chronic gout Trial and failure or inability to use urate lowering	1 year	Signs and symptoms of gout after 6 months of Colcrys therapy while on maximum tolerated dose	attack resolution with 14 days between therapy)
	therapy (allopurinol or febuxostat) at maximum tolerated dose (allopurinol 800 mg or fexobustat 80 mg) or dose adjusted for renal function	Acute gout flare prevention	of urate lowering therapy (allopurinol)	Chronic gout
	OR	during initiation of		#2 per day
	Symptomatic gout with serum uric acid level is <	urate lowering	Acute gout flare prevention during	Acute gout flare

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	Acute gout flare prevention during initiation of urate lowering therapy Trial and failure of maximum doses of one	therapy 6 months Familial Mediterranea	initiation of urate lowering therapy Signs and symptoms of gout OR	prevention during initiation of urate lowering therapy #2 per day
	NSAID (e.g. naproxen 500 mg TID, indomethacin 50 mg TID) or inability to use NSAIDs (e.g. age>65, GFR < 30 ml/min, history of GI bleed) AND	n Fever 1 year	Serum uric acid level is > 6 mg/dl and urate lowering therapy is still being titrated	Familial Mediterranean Fever #4 per day
	Member is starting urate lowering therapy and has history of recent gout attack Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF)	Acute pseudogout 3 months	Familial Mediterranean Fever Evaluation of recent progress notes	Acute pseudogout, chronic pseudogout, acute idiopathic or viral pericarditis: #60 per 30 days
	Member is 4 years of age or older Acute psuedogout (acute calcium pyrophosphate	Chronic pseudogout 1 year Pericarditis	Acute pseudogout, chronic pseudogout, acute idiopathic or viral	
	crystal arthritis) Trial and failure or inability to use NSAIDs ((e.g. age >65, on oral anticoagulant, GFR < 30 ml/min, history	6 months	pericarditis Therapeutic response and continued medical	

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	of GI issues (e.g. GI bleed/ulcer), side effects from prior trial of NSAIDs)		need per PA request	
	Chronic pseudogout History of three or more attacks annually			
	Acute idiopathic or viral pericarditis Colchicine therapy is being used in combination with NSAIDs			
Criteria for non-FDA approved or off-label uses Created: October 2015	 No other formulary medication has a medically accepted use for the patient's specific diagnosis as referenced in the medical compendia* AND Medication is being requested for an accepted off-label use and is listed in the standard clinical decision support resources (e.g. UpToDate, Micromedex, etc) OR Requested use can be supported by least two citations of published clinical trials *Medical compendia consists of the following: the 	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Not to exceed common off-label dose or dose used in published trials
	*Medical compendia consists of the following: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved			

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	indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), DrugPoints (formerly known as USPDI).			
Criteria for non- specialty non- formulary or PA required medications without drug-specific criteria Created: October 2015	 Drug-specific PA criteria does not exist for the requested drug AND Appropriate diagnosis/Indication for requested non-formulary or PA required medication AND Appropriate dose of medication based on age (i.e. pediatric and elderly populations) and indication AND In the absence of evidence supporting use of requested medication compared to preferred agents, documented trial and failure or inability to use up to three preferred medications (if available) used to treat the member's condition. OR No other formulary medication has a medically accepted use for the patient's specific diagnosis as referenced in the medical compendia*. OR All other formulary medications are contraindicated based on the patient's diagnosis, other medical conditions, or other medication therapy. 	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request for drugs without criteria	As requested not to exceed FDA approved or off-label dose

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Cyclosporine Ophthalmic (Restasis®)	*Medical compendia consists of the following: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), DrugPoints (formerly known as USPDI). Keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS) or dry eye disease Trial and failure or inability to use artificial tears OR	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued need per PA request	2 packages (60 vials)/30 days
Last updated: May 2013	Initially prescribed or being followed by an ophthalmologist			
Cystic Fibrosis PA required: Aztreonam (Cayston®) Dornase alfa (Pulmozyme) Ivacaftor (Kalydeco) Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor (Orkambi) Tobramcyin (Tobi) 300 mg/5 ml solution Non-formulary:	 Kalydeco (Ivacaftor): The patient is 2 years or older** The medication is for the treatment of a CF patient who has an FDA approved indication for treatment of the patient's genotype (there is a FDA cleared CF mutation test that can be used to determine genotype if unknown). MD is pulmonologist Copy of the FDA-cleared CF mutation test has been provided with request The patient is not a homozygous for the F508del mutation in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene. 	5 years	Therapeutic response per PA request with clinic notes attached	Kalydeco: 56 tablets per 28 days Cayston: 7056 ml per 56 days (28 days on therapy followed by 28 days off therapy) Pulmozyme: 70 ml per 28 days Bethkis: 224 ml per 56 days (28 days on therapy followed by 28 days off therapy)

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Tobramycin (Bethkis, Kitabis Pak, Tobi Podhaler) Created: April 2015 Last updated: October 2015	 Documentation of current ALT/AST levels (within 60 days of request). (Ivacaftor is contraindicated for ALT and AST levels 5 times over upper limit of normal. If ALT and AST levels are 5 times over the upper limit of normal or higher, ivacaftor should not be started until the levels are below this range.) The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines. For patients 2-6 years of age: documentation of weight is required to determine appropriate dosing Tobi, Tobi Podhaler, Bethkis, Kitabis Pak (tobramycin): Patient is 21 years of age or older** The medication is being prescribed for the treatment of a cystic fibrosis patient colonized with Pseudomonas aeruginosa The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines. MD is pulmonologist For Tobi® Podhaler™, Kitabis Pak, or Bethkis: trial and failure or inability to use generic tobramycin 300 mg/5 ml Pulmozyme (Dornase Alfa) The patient is 5 years or older** The medication is not being used as 			Kitabis pak/Tobramycin: 280 ml per 56 days (300 mg/5ml BID, 28 days on therapy followed by 28 days off therapy) Tobi Podhaler: 224 capsules per 56 days (28 days on therapy followed by 28 days off therapy) Orkambi: 112 tablets per 28 days (2 tablets every 12 hours)

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Dolfamoridina	 MD is pulmonologist The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines. Cayston (Aztreonam Lysine) Patient is 21 years of age or older** The medication is being prescribed for the treatment of a cystic fibrosis patient colonized with Pseudomonas aeruginosa. MD is pulmonologist The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines. Orkambi (lumacaftor/ivacaftor) The patient is 21 years of age or older** The patient IS homozygous for the F508del mutation in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene. Copy of the FDA-cleared CF mutation test has been provided with request. Documentation of current ALT/AST and bilirubin levels (within 60 days of request). The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines 	laitiation of	Thorangutia regnance	10 mg tobloto: 2 tobloto
Dalfampridine (Ampyra [®])	 Patient has a documented diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) AND 	Initiation of therapy: 3 months	Therapeutic response per PA request with clinic notes attached	10 mg tablets: 2 tablets per day

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Last updated: May 2013	 Patient is ambulatory (able to walk at least 25 feet) AND Patient has walking impairment AND Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to therapy: History of seizure Moderate or severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance less than or equal to 50 mL/minute) AND Patient is not currently using any other forms of 4-aminopyridine (i.e., 4-AP, fampridine) 	Continuation of therapy: 1 year		

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Darbepoetin alfa (Aranesp [®])	 Patient is ≥21 years of age** AND Patient is diagnosed with anemia due to end stage renal disease/kidney disease, or chemotherapy, or myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), or Hepatitis C treatment 	3 months	Hemoglobin less than 12g/dL	#4 vials or syringes per 30 days
Last updated: May 2013	Hemoglobin less than 10g/dL			
Dasatinib (Sprycel®)	Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND Patient has one of the following: • Newly diagnosed Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic myelogenous leukemia (Ph+CML) in the chronic phase • Ph+CML with resistance or intolerance to prior therapy • Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ALL)* *Use of Sprycel (dasatinib) as frontline therapy in Ph+ALL is a compendial use • Gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) after disease progression on Gleevec (imatinib) or	1 year	Lack of disease progression per PA request with clinic notes attached	20 mg, 50 mg, 70 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 140 mg: #30 per 30 days

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	Sutent (sunitinib) [†] • [†] Compendial use			
Last updated: July 2013				
Deferasirox (Exjade®) Last updated: May 2013	 All following must be met: Patient is transfusion dependent and between 2 and 65 years old Initially prescribed or being followed by an hematologist Diagnosis of chronic iron overload (serum ferritin consistently greater than 1000 mcg/L) Treatment failure, contraindication or significant intolerance to deferoxamine treatment Not being used in combination with other iron chelator therapies Starting dose is greater than 20 mg/kg per day or maintenance dose is greater than 30 mg/kg per day 	3 months	Serum ferritin is not consistently below 500 mcg	Determined by request

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Formulary: Accu-Chek SmartView (for Nano) and Accu-Chek Aviva Plus test strips #4 per day for all members except #8 per day for members with gestational diabetes Non-formulary: all other test strip brands Last updated: April 2015	**SFHP will check California Children's Services Eligibility for members < 21 years of age Contour Test Strips Test trips will be used with an insulin pump Other non-formulary test strips Trial and failure or inability to use formulary Accu-Check SmartView (for Nano) or Accu-Check Aviva Plus test strips Accu-Check SmartView (for Nano) or Accu-Check Aviva Plus test strips over formulary quantity limit • Medical need for more frequent glucose monitoring that four times daily or eight times daily for gestational diabetes (e.g. frequent incidents of hypoglycemia, etc)	Gestational diabetes: 2 months after estimated delivery date, up to 11 months Other indications: 2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Contour Test Strips for insulin pump: #8 per day Other non-formulary test strips: #4 per day or #8 per day for gestational diabetes

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Diabetes: DPP-4 Inhibitors Step Therapy: Sitagliptin (Januvia®), Linagliptin (Tradjenta®), Saxagliptin (Onglyza®), Sitagliptin/Metformin (Janumet®), Sitagliptin/Metformin (Janumet XR®), Saxagliptin/Metformin (Kombiglyze®) Non-formulary: Alogliptin (Nesina®), Alogliptin/Metformin, (Kazano®), Alogliptin/Pioglitazone (Oseni®) Last updated: October 2015	Diabetes Mellitus – type 2 Januvia, Onglyza, Tradjenta, Janumet, Janumet XR, Kombiglyze: Trial and failure or inability to use metformin for at least 3 months Nesina, Kazano, Oseni: Trial and failure or inability to use metformin for at least 3 months AND Trial and failure or inability to use Januvia, Onglyza AND Tradjenta	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Januvia, Onglyza, Tradjenta, Janumet XR, Kombiglyze: #90/90 days Janumet: #180/90 days

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Diabetes: SGLT2 Inhibitors Step Therapy: Canagliflozin (Invokana®), Dapagliflozin (Farxiga®), Empagliflozin (Jardiance®), Canagliflozin/Metformi n (Invokamet®), Dapagliflozin/Metformi n (Xigduo XR®), Empagliflozin/Metformi n (Synjardy ®) PA required: Empagliflozin/Linaglipt in (Glyxambi®) Last updated: October 2015	Diabetes Mellitus – type 2 Invokana, Farxiga, Jardiance, Invokamet, Xigduo XR, Synjardy: Trial and failure or inability to use metformin for at least 3 months Glyxambi: Trial and failure or inability to use metformin AND SGLT2 or DPP-4 inhibitor concurrently or as dual therapy for at least 3 months	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Invokana, Farxiga, Jardiance, Xigduo XR, Glyxambi: #90/90 days Invokamet, Synjardy: #180/90 days

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Diabetes: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists	Diabetes Mellitus – type 2 Victoza, Tanzeum:	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Victoza 18mg/3ml: up to 27 ml per 90 days (1.8 mg (0.3 ml) per day)
Step Therapy: Liraglutide (Victoza®), Albiglutide (Tanzeum®)	Trial and failure or inability to use metformin for at least 3 months Exenatide (Byetta®, Bydureon®), Dulaglutide (Trulicity®):			Tanzeum: up to 6 mL per 90 days (0.5 mL per 30 mg or 50 mg weekly dose)
Non-Formulary: Exenatide (Byetta®, Bydureon®), Dulaglutide (Trulicity®)	Trial and failure or inability to use Victoza and Tanzeum for at least 3 months			
Last updated: October 2015				

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Dronabinol (Marinol®) PA required Created: January 2015 Updated: October 2015	 HIV related anorexia and cachexia Severe weight loss (e.g. BMI <18.5 in the last 4 months, BMI < 18.5-22 AND weight loss ≥ 10% in the last 6 months) AND Trial and failure or inability to use megestrol acetate 400-800mg daily Chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting (CINV) Trial and failure or inability to use at least 3 of the following: Dopamine receptor antagonists (e.g. prochlorperazine, promethazine, or metoclopramide) 5HT3 receptor antagonists (e.g. ondansetron 8 mg BID) BZDs (e.g. lorazepam 0.5 mg Q4-6hrs) Antihistamines (e.g. diphenhydramine 20-50 mg Q4-6hrs) Atypical antipsychotic (e.g. olanzapine 10 mg/day) HIV associated nausea and vomiting (off-label 	HIV related anorexia and wasting 2 years CINV 6 months or duration of chemotherap y HIV associated nausea and vomiting 2 years	HIV related anorexia and wasting Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request CINV Response to therapy AND patient is still on chemotherapy HIV associated nausea and vomiting Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	HIV related anorexia and wasting 2.5, 5 mg: #3 per day 10 mg: #2 per day CINV #3 per day HIV associated nausea and vomiting #3 per day
	indication) Trial and failure or inability to use at least 2 alternative therapies (e.g. 5-Hydroxytryptamine (5-HT3) (e.g. ondansetron), prochlorperazine, promethazine, metoclopramide, lorazepam			

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Duloxetine (Cymbalta®) Last updated: January 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use at least 2 preferred formulary antidepressants — fluoxetine, paroxetine, citalopram, sertraline, fluvoxamine, bupropion SR/XL or mirtazapine AND Trial and failure or inability to use venlafaxine immediate or extended release for at least two months	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Max #2 per day
	Trial and failure or inability to use ALL of the following: at least one tricyclic antidepressant, gabapentin 1800 mg/day and venlafaxine immediate or extended release for at least 2 months.			
	Trial and failure or inability to use at least one tricyclic antidepressant AND gabapentin 1800 mg day			

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Dutasteride (Avodart®)	Depression/mood disorder AND neuropathic pain Trial and failure or inability to use venlafaxine immediate or extended release for at least two months Trial and failure or inability to use finasteride AND tamsulosin	2 years	Therapeutic response per PA request	#1/day
Last updated: July 2013 Eltrombopag (Promacta®)	Chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP):	12 months	Therapeutic response and continued medical	#30 per 30 days
Created: January 2015	 Member is 21 years of age or older** AND Diagnosis of chronic ITP (i.e. > 3 months duration) AND 		need per PA request	
	Trial and failure or inability to use glucocorticoids, intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) or splenectomy AND			
	Platelet level < 20,000/mm3 OR < 30,000/mm3 with bleeding			

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Enteral Nutrition Products	San Francisco Health Plan will follow California Department of Health Care Services Medical Criteria for Enteral Nutrition Products	6 months	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per request	Liquid #21,330 mL per 30 days
Created: January 2015	Standard enteral products (e.g. Ensure, Jevity, Osmolite, PediaSure, Boost, Compleat, Isosource, Nutren)			Powder #4540 grams per 30 days
	 Documentation must be dated within 3 months at the time of request. AND Member must meet one of the following criteria: 			
	 A documented medical diagnosis requiring enteral nutrition products administered via feeding tube 			
	 A documented <u>chronic</u> medical diagnosis AND unable to meet nutritional needs with soft/pureed foods. There must be clinical indicators identified member is nutritionally at risk. 			
	OR			
	 For members 21 years of age and older, a medical diagnosis and documentation that member is nutritionally at risk with one of the following measures: 			

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
	 Involuntary weight loss ≥10% of usual body weight within 6 months Involuntary weight loss ≥7.5% of usual body weight within 3 months Involuntary weight loss ≥5% of usual body weight in 1 month BMI < 18.5kg/m² 			
	Transitioning from parenteral or enteral tube feeding to oral diet			
	OR			
	If member is less than 21 years of age, there is documentation of clinical signs and symptoms indicating nutritional risk (such as stunting, wasting or underweight). For children:			
	 ○ Weight ≤ 3rd percentile 			
	OR			
	 Weight ≤ 5th percentile AND one of the following: product is recommended by GI specialist or dietician OR patient has a physiological or behavioral disorder responsible for low weight 			

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	OR			
	Documentation of severe swallowing or chewing difficulty due to one of the following:			
	o cancer in the mouth/throat or esophagus			
	 injury, trauma, surgery or radiation therapy in head or neck 			
	o chronic neurological disorders			
	 severe craniofacial anomalies 			
	Specialized enteral products (e.g. Glucerna, Nepro, Pulmocare, Proteinex, Boost Glucose Control, Nepro with Carb Steady, Pulmocare)			
	Member must meet criteria for standard enteral products listed above			
	AND			
	 For carbohydrate modular products – documentation of inability to meet caloric nutritional need with current use of standard enteral product For lipid(fat) modular products – documentation of one of the following: inability to digest or absorb conventional 			

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
	fats o diagnosis of uncontrolled seizure disorder that cannot be medically managed For protein modular products – documentation of inability to meet protein requirement with current use of high protein enteral nutrition product			
	Elemental and semi-elemental enteral products (e.g. PediaSure Peptide, EleCare Jr, Perative, Pivot, Vital, Impact, Peptamen, Vivonex, Neocate Jr)			
	Documentation must be dated within 3 months at the time of request.			
	AND			
	Member must have documentation of one of the following:			

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	 Metabolic enteral products (PhenylAde, Lophlex, Milupa, PKU) Documentation must be dated within 6 months at the time of request. AND Member must have diagnosis of inborn errors of metabolism. 			
Enteral Nutrition Products: Specialty Infant Enteral Products (e.g. Similac, Enfamil, Human Milk Fortifier, Expert Care Alimentum, Pregestimil, Nutramigen) Created: January 2015	Premature infants: Documentation of gestational age (< 37 weeks) or birth weight less than 3500 grams AND Member is less than one year of corrected age AND For Alimentum, Pregestimil, Nutramigen: documentation of cow milk protein allergy or intolerance to breast milk and infant formula (e.g. eczema) Cow milk protein allergy_(Alimentum, Pregestimil,	Premature infants Initial: up to 6 months of corrected age Re-auth: up to 1 year of corrected age Cow milk protein allergy: up to 1 year of age	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per request	Liquid #42660 mL per 30 days Powder #9080 grams per 30 days

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Enzalutamide (Xtandi [®])	Nutramigen): • Member is less than one year of age AND Documentation of cow milk protein allergy or intolerance to breast milk and infant formula (e.g. eczema) • Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND • Patient has a diagnosis of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer AND • Patient is male AND • Patient has received prior chemotherapy containing docetaxel	12 months	Lack of disease progression	#4 per day
Last updated: May 2013				

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(Epogen®, Procrit®) AND • Patient's anemia is due to one of the following: end stage renal disease, chemotherapy, complication of Hepatitis C treatment, anemia due to zidovudine therapy	uration of pproval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Hemoglobin < 10 g/dL Initial durches y Zid the Initial content of the Initial conten	itial and ontinuing erapy: 3 onths hemothera itial therapy: uration of hemotherap dovudine herapy itial and ontinuing erapy: 12 onths	Hemoglobin < 12 g/dL	ESRD and chemotherapy #4 vials or syringes per 30 days Zidovudine therapy 2,000U/mL, 3,000U/mL, 4,000U/mL and 10,000U/mL vials: #12 vials per month 20,000U/mL, 20,000U/mL vials and 40,000U/mL vials: #4 vials per month.

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Erlotinib (Tarceva®)	Non-small cell lung cancer Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND Patient has a diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic (Stage III or IV) non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with either: Failure with at least one prior chemotherapy regimen AND Tarceva (erlotinib) will be used as monotherapy OR No evidence of disease progression after four cycles of first-line platinum-based chemotherapy AND Tarceva (erlotinib) will be used as maintenance treatment AND Tarceva (erlotinib) will be used as monotherapy OR Patient has known active epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutation or gene amplification AND Tarceva (erlotinib) will be used first-line Pancreatic cancer	12 months	Lack of disease progression	25, 100, 150 mg: #1 per day

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	Patient is 18 years of age or older**			
	AND			
	Patient has a diagnosis of locally advanced, unresectable, or metastatic pancreatic cancer			
	AND			
	 Tarceva (erlotinib) will be used in combination with gemcitabine 			
Last updated: May 2013				
Everolimus (Afinitor [®] , Afinitor [®]	Afinitor (everolimus) tablets only:	Initiation of therapy:	Lack of progression	2.5-mg-8 tablets/day 5 mg- 4 tablets/day
disperz)	Renal Cell Carcinoma	1 year		
	 Patient is ≥18 years of age** 	Continuation		7.5 mg- 2 tablets/day
	AND	of therapy:		10 mg- 2 tablets/day
	Patient has a diagnosis of advanced/metastatic renal cell carcinoma (RCC)	1 year		
	AND			

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Patient has failed therapy (disease progressed) with sunitinib [SUTENT] or sorafenib [NEXAVAR]			
Progressive Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors			
 Patient is ≥ 18 years of age** 			
AND			
Patient has a diagnosis of progressive neuroendocrine tumors of pancreatic origin (pNET) that are unresectable, locally advanced, or metastatic			
Renal angiomyolipoma with TSC			
 Patient is ≥ 18 years of age** 			
AND			
Patient has a diagnosis of renal angiomyolipoma and TSC			
AND			
Patient does not require immediate surgery			
	 Patient has failed therapy (disease progressed) with sunitinib [SUTENT] or sorafenib [NEXAVAR] Progressive Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors Patient is ≥ 18 years of age** AND Patient has a diagnosis of progressive neuroendocrine tumors of pancreatic origin (pNET) that are unresectable, locally advanced, or metastatic Renal angiomyolipoma with TSC Patient is ≥ 18 years of age** AND Patient has a diagnosis of renal angiomyolipoma and TSC AND 	 Patient has failed therapy (disease progressed) with sunitinib [SUTENT] or sorafenib [NEXAVAR] Progressive Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors Patient is ≥ 18 years of age** AND Patient has a diagnosis of progressive neuroendocrine tumors of pancreatic origin (pNET) that are unresectable, locally advanced, or metastatic Renal angiomyolipoma with TSC Patient is ≥ 18 years of age** AND Patient has a diagnosis of renal angiomyolipoma and TSC AND 	 Patient has failed therapy (disease progressed) with sunitinib [SUTENT] or sorafenib [NEXAVAR] Progressive Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors Patient is ≥ 18 years of age** AND Patient has a diagnosis of progressive neuroendocrine tumors of pancreatic origin (pNET) that are unresectable, locally advanced, or metastatic Renal angiomyolipoma with TSC Patient is ≥ 18 years of age** AND Patient has a diagnosis of renal angiomyolipoma and TSC AND

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	Breast Cancer			
	Patient is a postmenopausal woman			
	AND			
	Patient has a diagnosis of advanced hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer			
	AND			
	Patient has failed treatment with letrozole [Femara] or anastrozole [Arimidex]			
	AND			
	Afinitor will be used in combination with exemestane [Aromasin]			
	Afinitor (everolimus) tablets and tablets for oral suspension:			
	Subependymal Giant Cell Astrocytoma (SEGA)			
	 Patient is ≥ 21 years* of age AND Patient has SEGA associated with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) that requires therapeutic intervention but is not a candidate for curative 			

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Last updated: May 2013	*Check California Children's Services (CCS) eligibility for patients < 18 years of age			
Extended cycle contraceptives Levonorgestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol and Ethinyl Estradiol (Seasonique®) Levonorgestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol (Seasonale®) Levonorgestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol (Lybrel®) Last updated: July 2013	Trial and failure or inability to use formulary contraceptives (Cyclessa, Ortho Novum, Ortho Tricyclen, Loestrin) AND Patient is not compliant with formulary contraceptives due to packaging	1 year	See criteria for initiation of therapy	#1/day
Ezetimibe (Zetia®)	Homozygous sitosterolemia Approvable condition	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#1/day

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
	Hyperlipidemia			
	Contraindication to statins (muscle pain or elevated liver enzymes)			
	OR			
	Failed atorvastatin 80 mg or maximum tolerated doses of formulary statins for at least 3 months			
Last updated: May 2013				
Febuxostat (Uloric®)	Intolerance or adverse event with allopurinol (ie. hypersensitivity or rash) OR	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#1/day
	Inadequate response to allopurinol (failure to achieve serum uric acid levels of < 6 mg/dl when using maximum tolerated doses of allopurinol)			
Last updated: April 2014	•			
Fenofibrate	Trial and failure or inability to use formulary statins	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical	#1/day
(Fenoglide [®] , Lipofen [®] , Lofibra [®] , Triglide [®])	OR		need per PA request	
	Concurrent therapy to statins, or gemfibrozil, generic			

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Fenofibrate Micronized	fenofibrate tablets or fenofibrate micronized capsules			
(Lofibra [®] , Antara [®])				
Fenofibrate Nanocrystallized (Tricor®)				
Last updated: May 2013				
Filgrastim (Neupogen®) Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta®)	 Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND Prescription written or currently being supervised by a hematologist or an oncologist AND Patient being treated for febrile neutropenia, associated with the administration of cancer chemotherapy OR Patient is receiving cancer chemotherapy and being treated prophylactically for the prevention of febrile 	3 months or course of treatment based upon chemotherap y cycle	See criteria for initiation of therapy	
Last updated: May	neutropenia associated with cancer chemotherapy			

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Ciprofloxacin suspension, Levofloxacin solution: Trial and failure or inability to use tablet formulation (e.g. inability to swallow)	Moxifloxacin: Up to 12 months for chronic use	Therapeutic response per PA request with clinic notes attached	Moxifloxacin: #1 per day
Moxifloxacin: Trial and failure or inability to use levofloxacin (e.g.	Ciprofloxacin susp.		Ciprofloxacin: 10 ml per day
respiratory pneumococcal infection, complicated intra-abdominal infection)	soln: Based on indication, up		Levofloxacin 250 mg/10 ml: 10 ml per day
•	to 14 days		Levofloxacin 500 mg/20 ml: 20 ml per day
Diabetes Mellitus – type 2 Trial and failure or inability to use of ALL of the following: Maximum dose of metformin (2000 mg/day) Maximum dose of sulfonylureas Pioglitazone (If HgA1c is less than 8.5) Insulin (If HgA1c is greater than 8.5)	2 years	None	
	Ciprofloxacin suspension, Levofloxacin solution: Trial and failure or inability to use tablet formulation (e.g. inability to swallow) Moxifloxacin: Trial and failure or inability to use levofloxacin (e.g. culture results indicating resistance to levofloxacin, respiratory pneumococcal infection, complicated intra-abdominal infection) Diabetes Mellitus – type 2 Trial and failure or inability to use of ALL of the following: Maximum dose of metformin (2000 mg/day) Maximum dose of sulfonylureas Pioglitazone (If HgA1c is less than 8.5)	Ciprofloxacin suspension, Levofloxacin solution: Trial and failure or inability to use tablet formulation (e.g. inability to swallow) Moxifloxacin: Trial and failure or inability to use levofloxacin (e.g. culture results indicating resistance to levofloxacin, respiratory pneumococcal infection, complicated intra-abdominal infection) Diabetes Mellitus – type 2 Trial and failure or inability to use of ALL of the following: Maximum dose of metformin (2000 mg/day) Maximum dose of sulfonylureas Pioglitazone (If HgA1c is less than 8.5) Insulin (If HgA1c is greater than 8.5)	Ciprofloxacin suspension, Levofloxacin solution: Trial and failure or inability to use tablet formulation (e.g. inability to swallow) Moxifloxacin: Trial and failure or inability to use levofloxacin (e.g. culture results indicating resistance to levofloxacin, respiratory pneumococcal infection, complicated intra-abdominal infection) Diabetes Mellitus – type 2 Trial and failure or inability to use of ALL of the following: Maximum dose of metformin (2000 mg/day) Maximum dose of sulfonylureas Pioglitazone (If HgA1c is less than 8.5) Insulin (If HgA1c is greater than 8.5)

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Last updated: January 2015	failure with Exenatide			
Growth Hormone Somatropin (Genotropin®, Humatrope®, Norditropin®, Norditropin Flexpro®, Norditropin NordiFlex®, Nutropin®, Nutropin AQ®, Nutropin AQ NuSpin®, Omnitrope®, Saizen®, Serostim®, Tev- Tropin®, Zorbtive®) Last updated: July 2013	Idiopathic Short Stature (not growth hormone-deficient short stature)** NOT AN APPROVED INDICATION Pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD)** • Medication is being prescribed by an endocrinologist or pediatric endocrinologist AND • The diagnosis has been confirmed by at least one subnormal provocative stimulation test (i.e., insulin-induced hypoglycemia, arginine, ARG-GHRH, ARG-LDOPA, GHRH) AND • Diagnosis has been confirmed by one of the	Pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD) Initial therapy: 6 months Re-auth: 1 year Growth Failure due to Chronic Renal Insufficiency 1 year	Pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD) Response to growth hormone therapy (i.e., increase in height, increase in height velocity, IGF-1 level normalization) Growth Failure due to Chronic Renal Insufficiency Response to therapy defined as gain of growth velocity by > 2 cm compared with that observed during	All indications: Approved as requested if weight-based dosing is within FDA approved range (patient's weight must be provided on the PA request)
	following: GHD with: Severe short stature (defined as patient's height at ≥ 2 standard-deviation [SD] below the population mean) Patient's height ≥ 1.5 SD below the midparental height (average of mother's	Short stature associated with Turner Syndrome and Prader-	the previous year OR • Patient is less than 50 th percentile for target height following	

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	and father's heights) Patient's height≥ 2 SD below the mean and a 1-year height velocity more than 1 SD below the mean for chronologic age or (in children 2 years of age or older) a 1- year decrease of more than 0.5 SD in height In the absence of short stature, a 1-year height velocity more than 2 SD below the mean or a 2-year height velocity more than 1.5 SD below the mean (may occur in GHD manifesting during infancy or in organic, acquired GHD) Signs indicative of an intracranial lesion Signs of multiple pituitary hormone deficiencies Neonatal symptoms and signs of GHD AND Patient's epiphysis has NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand) or patient has NOT reached final height Growth Failure due to Chronic Renal Insufficiency**	Willi Syndrome Initial therapy: 6 months Re-auth: 1 year HIV/AIDS- wasting syndrome 3 months Short Bowel Syndrome 4 weeks	Short stature associated with Turner Syndrome and Prader- Willi Syndrome Response to the first 6 months of growth hormone therapy (i.e., increase in height, increase in growth velocity, IGF-1 level normalization) HIV/AIDS-wasting syndrome Therapeutic response per PA request with attached clinic notes showing an increase in muscle mass and weight from growth hormone replacement therapy	
	Medication is being prescribed by a nephrologist			

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
	AND			
	Patient has undergone renal transplantation		Short Bowel Syndrome	
	AND		Not approvable	
	 Patient's epiphysis has NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand) AND 		(administration for more than 4 weeks has not been adequately studied).	
	 Patient's height at is ≥ 2 standard-deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender 			
	Short stature associated with Turner Syndrome and Prader-Willi Syndrome**			
	Medication is being prescribed by an endocrinologist or pediatric endocrinologist			
	AND			
	 Patient has short stature as defined as ONE of the following: For Turner's Syndrome, height is below the 5th percentile of normal growth curve For Prader Willi Syndrome, height at ≥ 2 standard-deviation (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same 			

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	age and gender			
	AND			
	 Patient's epiphysis has NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand) OR the patient has NOT reached final height 			
	Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency**			
	Medication is being prescribed by an endocrinologist			
	AND			
	For hypopituitarism due to pituitary disease, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy or trauma, diagnosis has been confirmed by at least one subnormal provocative stimulation test (i.e., insulin-induced hypoglycemia, arginine, ARG-GHRH, ARG-LDOPA)			
	OR			
	For childhood-onset growth hormone deficiency (GHD), does the patient have childhood-onset growth hormone deficiency (GHD) due to organic diseases (e.g. craniopharyngioma)?			

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	HIV/AIDS-wasting syndrome**			
	Patient is on antiviral therapy			
	AND			
	Patient meets one of the following: 10% unintentional weight loss over 12 months 7.5% unintentional weight loss over 6 months 5% body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months In men: BCM < 35% of total body weight and body mass index (BMI) < 27kg/m2 In women: BCM < 23% of total body weight and BMI < 27 kg/m2 BMI < 20kg/m2			
	AND			
	Patient has had an inadequate response to previous therapy (i.e., exercise training, nutritional supplements, appetite stimulants or anabolic steroids			
	Short Bowel Syndrome**			
	Patient is currently on specialized nutritional support (i.e., consisting of a high carbohydrate,			

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	low-fat diet)			
PA required: Adefovir (Hepsera) Entecavir (Baraclude) Telbivudine (Tyzeka) Non-formulary: Entecavir monohydrate 0.05mg/ml soln (Baraclude) Excluded (FFS Medi-Cal carve-out): Lamivudine (Epivir-HBV) tablet Lamivudine HBV 5mg/ml soln (Epivir HBV) Tenofovir (Viread) Created: July 2013 Last updated: July 2015	 Patient is ≥21 years of age** AND HBV DNA > 20,000 IU/ml (105 copies/ml, 5 log copies/ml) with ALT > 60 for men or > 38 for women within the last 3 months OR If HBeAg (-): HBV DNA > 2,000 IU/ml with ALT > 60 for men or > 38 for women within the last 3 months OR HBV DNA > 20,000 IU/ml (105 copies/ml, 5 log copies/ml) with abnormal histology on liver biopsy OR If HBeAg (-): HBV DNA > 2,000 IU/ml with abnormal histology on liver biopsy AND For Baraclude oral solution: patient is unable to use tablet formulation (e.g. difficulty swallowing, etc.) Suppression during chemotherapy or immunosuppressant therapy Patient is ≥21 years of age** AND 	Hepatitis B 2 years Suppression during chemotherap Y 1 year or throughout chemotherap y course and up to 6 months after chemotherap y discontinuatio n Suppression during immunosuppr essant therapy 2 years	Hepatitis B Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request Suppression during chemotherapy Patient is on chemotherapy or needs suppression post chemotherapy discontinuation Suppression during immunosuppressant therapy Patient is on immunosuppressant therapy	Baraclude: 0.5, 1 mg tab – 1 per day, 0.05 mg/ml soln 600 ml per 30 days Hepsera: 10 mg – 1 per day Tyzeka: 600 mg – 1 per day

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Department of Health Care Services Utilization and Treatment Policy for Simeprevir and Sofosbuvir in the Management of Hepatitis C. The policy can be accessed at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/HepatitisC.aspx. Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (Harvoni®) Ombitasvir/Paritaprevi r/Ritonavir and Dasabuvir (Viekira Pak®) Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi®) Ombitasvir/Paritaprevi r/Ritonavir (Technivie®) Sofosbuvir (Technivie®) Department of Health Care Services Utilization and Treatment Policy for Simeprevir and Sofosbuvir in the Management of Hepatitis C. The policy can be accessed at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/HepatitisC.aspx. NOTE: therapy will not be restarted in cases where it was discontinued due to non-compliance Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 12 weeks 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 2 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#12)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#12)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#12)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills	Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
PA Required: Daclatasvir (Daklinza®) Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (Harvoni®) Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir (Viekira Pak®) Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi®) Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir (Ritonavir (Sovaldi®) Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir (Rovaldi®) Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir (Roval	Hepatitis C	additional therapy post-chemotherapy discontinuation OR • Patient is currently on immunosuppressant therapy San Francisco Health Plan follows California			Harvoni, Daklinza and
Daclatasvir (Daklinza®) Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (Harvoni®) Ledipasvir/Paritaprevi r/Ritonavir and Dasabuvir (Viekira Pak®) Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi®) Cirrhosis Harvoni: 12 weeks Daklinza + Sovaldi: 12 weeks Viekira Pak: 12 weeks Daklinza + Sovaldi: 24 weeks Viekira Pak: 12 weeks 1 pack (#112)/28 days 5 refills 1 pack (#112)/28 days 7 refills 2 pack 1	PA Required:			1	
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Non-Formulary: Boceprevir (Victrelis®), Telaprevir (Incivek®), Simeprevir (Olysio®), Peginterferon Alfa-2a (Pegasys®, Pegasys® Proclick), ribavirin 400 mg tab, ribavirin 600 mg tab, ribavirin 200- 400 mg tab/600-400 mg tab (Ribapak®) Created: April 2014 Updated: October 2015		Experienced with Cirrhosis Harvoni: 24 weeks Harvoni + Rbv: 12 weeks Viekira Pak: 24 weeks Daklinza + Sovaldi: 24 weeks Genotype 1b: Naïve/Experie nced no Cirrhosis Harvoni: 12 weeks Viekira Pak: 12 weeks Viekira Pak: 12 weeks Daklinza + Sovaldi: 12 weeks Naïve with Cirrhosis Harvoni: 12 weeks		per 28 days

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		Viekira Pak: 12 weeks Daklinza + Sovaldi: 24 weeks		
		Experienced with Cirrhosis Harvoni: 24 weeks Harvoni + Rbv: 12 weeks Viekira Pak + Rbv: 12 weeks Daklinza + Sovaldi: 24 weeks		
		Genotype 2: Naïve no Cirrhosis Sovaldi + Rbv: 12 weeks Daklinza + Sovaldi: 12 weeks		

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		Naïve with Cirrhosis Sovaldi + Rbv: 16 weeks Daklinza + Sovaldi: 16 weeks		
		Experienced Sofosbuvir + Rbv: 16-24 weeks		
		Genotype 3: Naïve no Cirrhosis Daklinza + Sovaldi: 12 weeks Sovaldi + Rbv: 24 weeks		
		Naïve with Cirrhosis Daklinza + Sovaldi: 24 weeks		

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		Experienced		
		no Cirrhosis		
		Daklinza +		
		Sovaldi: 12 weeks		
		weeks		
		Experienced		
		with Cirrhosis		
		Daklinza +		
		Sovaldi +		
		Rbv: 24		
		weeks		
		Sovaldi +		
		Rbv: 24		
		weeks		
		Sovaldi +		
		Peg-IFN + Rbv: 12		
		weeks		
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		Genotype 4:		
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		Harvoni: 12		
		weeks		
		Technivie +		
		Rbv: 12		
		weeks		
		Sovaldi +		
		Rbv: 24		

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		weeks		
		Experienced Sovaldi + Rbv + PegIFN: 12 weeks		
		Genotype 5, 6: Naïve/Experie nced Harvoni: 12 weeks		
		*Where Genotype 1 subtype is unknown, treat as 1a		
		"Experienced" as it is used here refers only to prior treatment with Peg-IFN and Ribavirin, not prior treatment with		

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		other HCV agents. Refer to AASLD/IDSA guidelines for specific information at: http://www.hc vguidelines.or g/full-report- view		
Imatinib (Gleevec®)	FDA approved indications	FDA .	FDA approved	400 mg: 60 per 30 days
	Patient is 18 years of age or older**	approved indications: 1	indications: Lack of disease progression per	600 mg: 30 per 30 days
Last updated: July 2013	AND	year	PA request with clinic notes attached	
	Patient has one of the following:			
	 Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic myeloid leukemia (Ph+ CML) Ph+ acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL)* 	Off-label indications: Initial: 6 months	Off-label indications: Documentation from medical charts indicating	
	*Use of Gleevec (imatinib) as frontline therapy in Ph+ ALL is a compendial use	Re-auth: 1 year	significant clinical benefit from the medication	
	Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST): Patient has documented c-KIT (CD117) positive unresectable or metastatic malignant GIST, OR			

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	 Patient had resection of c-KIT (CD117) positive GIST and imatinib will be used as an adjuvant therapy 			
	Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans that is unresectable, recurrent, or metastatic			
	Hypereosinophilic syndrome or chronic eosinophilic leukemia			
	Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) or myeloproliferative disease associated with platelet-derived growth factor receptor gene re- arrangements			
	Aggressive systemic mastocytosis without the D816V c-KIT mutation or with c-KIT mutational status unknown			
	Synovial tissue pigmented villonodular synovitis/tenosynovial giant cell tumor (PVNS/TGCT) [†]			
	Desmoid tumors (aggressive fibromatosis) [†]			
	† Compendial uses			
	Pediatric indications (patient must be at least two years of age)**			

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		Documented Ph+ CML that is newly diagnosed in the chronic phase			
		 Other off-label indications: The medication is recommended and prescribed by a specialist The medication is prescribed for a non-FDA approved indication but is considered to be a medically accepted per the medical compendia (i.e. Micromedex, DrugPoints and AHFS drug information) as defined by the Social Security Act or the NCCN or ASCO standard of care guidelines. Documentation was submitted indicating that the patient has a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims data, OR for new patients 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 or has another documented medical reason (i.e. intolerance, contraindications, etc.) for not receiving or trying all first line medical treatment(s). 			
		The medication is prescribed at a medically accepted			

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	dose per the medical compendia as defined by the Social Security Act or per the NCCN or ASCO standard of care guidelines.			
Hydroxyprogesterone caproate 250 mg/mL intramuscular oil (Makena®) Created: April 2015	 Must meet ALL of the following criteria: Patient is 16 years of age or older Current singleton pregnancy (not carrying twins, triples, etc) History of previous singleton spontaneous preterm birth before 37 weeks gestation Treatment to be started between 16 weeks 0 days gestation and 20 weeks 6 days gestation Documented expected delivery date provided with request 	Up to 37 weeks of gestation	None (one-time approval)	#5 ml per 35 days
Immunosuppressant s	 Tablet/capsule formulation: Patient is 21 years of age or older** 	5 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Dose consolidation may be required depending on medication and regimen
Cyclosporine 25, 100 mg caps, 100 mg/ml solution (Sandimmune®)	 AND Patient is using the medication for prevention of transplant rejection*** AND 			
Cyclosporine, Modified 100 mg/ml	Formulary immunosuppressants are not appropriate for the indication ***requests for other indications will be reviewed on ***Tequests for other indications will be reviewed on			

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solution (Neoral®)	a case by case basis			
Everolimus 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 mg (Zortress®)	Solution/suspension formulation: • Patient is 21 years of age or older**			
Mycophenolate mofetil 200 mg/ml suspension (CellCept®)	AND Inability to use tablet/capsule formulation			
Mycophenolate delayed release tab 180 mg, 360 mg (Myfortic [®])				
Sirolimus 0.5,1, 2mg tabs 1 mg/ml solution (Rapamune [®])				
Tacrolimus 5 mg/ml soln (Prograf [®])				

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Created: October 2013				
Insulin Detemir (Levemir®)	Trial and failure or inability to use Insulin glargine OR	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Up to 90 day supply
Last updated: Jan 2015	Patient is pregnant			
Isotretinoin (Accutane [®] , Amnesteem [®] , Claravis [®] , Sotret [®])	Severe recalcitrant nodular acne vulgaris or severe recalcitrant rosacea Approvable condition	5 months	Therapeutic response per PA request	None
Last updated: July 2013	Acne rosacea Trial and failure or intolerance to topical metronidazole AND oral antibiotic			
	Moderate nodular acne vulgaris Trial and failure or inability to use ALL of the following:			
	Topical retinoidTopical benzoyl peroxideOral antibiotic			

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
Ivermectin (Stromectol®)	Scabies	2 fills	Therapeutic response and continued medical	#10 tablets/ 1 day x 2 fills
(Guomosioi)	Trial and failure or inability to use topical permethrin 5% cream		need per PA request	
Last updated: May 2013				
	Strongyloidiasis			
	Approvable condition			
	<u>Onchocerciasis</u>			
	Approvable condition			
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Ketorolac (Toradol®)	Acute, moderate-severe pain	1 fill	None	#30/5 days
	Approvable for up to 10 mg #30/5 days, if switching from ketorolac injection			
Last updated: May 2013	Hom Retorolac Injection			
Lacosamide (Vimpat®)	Partial onset seizures	5 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical	#2/day
	Trial and failure of 2 or more anticonvulsants		need per PA request	
	AND			
Last updated: January 2015	Initially prescribed or being followed by a neurologist			

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	AND			
	Patient is ≥17 years of age			
Lapatinib (Tykerb®)	Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND	12 months	Lack of disease progression	#6 per day
Last updated: May 2013	 Patient has breast cancer whose tumors overexpress human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER 2) 			
	AND			
	Tykerb (lapatanib) will be used in combination with Xeloda (capecitabine) in a patient with advanced metastatic disease AND the patient has received prior therapy including an anthracycline, a taxane and trastuzumab			
	OR			
	Tykerb (lapatanib) will be used in combination with Femara (letrozole) for the treatment of a postmenopausal woman with hormone receptor positive metastatic disease for whom hormonal therapy is indicated			
	OR			
	Tykerb (lapatanib) will be used in combination with Herceptin (trastuzumab) (without cytotoxic)			

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Lenalidomide (Revlimid [®]) Last updated: May 2013	therapy) as second-line treatment of HER2+ recurrent or metastatic breast cancer* • *Compendial use • Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND • Drug is being prescribed by Hematologist or Oncologist AND • Patient has a diagnosis transfusion-dependent anemia due to low or intermediate-a-risk myelodysplastic syndromes associated with a deletion o5q cytogenetic abnormality with or without additional cytogenetic abnormalities OR	Anemia Initial therapy: 8 weeks Continuing therapy: 1 year Multiple myeloma 1 year	Anemia Patient has become transfusion independent or requires ≤2 transfusions within the last year OR Hemoglobin increased more than 2gms/dL Multiple myeloma	5 mg, 10 mg: 2 per day 15, 25 mg: 1 per day
	Indication of multiple myeloma, in combination with dexamethasone, for patients who have received at least one prior therapy; VAD (vincristine, adriamycin, dexamethasone), MP (melphalan, prednisolone) or other chemotherapy		n/a	
Step therapy Levalbuterol (Xopenex®, Xopenex	Trial and failure or inability to use albuterol	2 years	None	Levalbuterol #9 ml (3 boxes)/30 days

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HFA®) Last updated: January 2015				Levalbuterol HFA® #2 units/30 days
Lidocaine 5% patches (Lidoderm®) Created: May 2013 Updated: October 2015	Post-Herpetic Neuralgia or Neuropathic Pain Trial and failure or inability to use ALL of the following: • At least 2 of the following oral agents: • tricyclic antidepressants (e.g. due to presence of cardiovascular disease, age greater than 70 years, drug-drug interactions) • gabapentin 1800 mg/day or side effects at lower dose (e.g. somnolence) • venlafaxine or duloxetine • At least one of the following topical agents: • capsaicin (e.g. topical capsaicin 0.025%,0.075% and 0.1% cream), • topical menthol and/or salicylate products • diclofenac 1% gel (Voltaren) • lidocaine 5% ointment Chronic Non-Cancer Pain (other than neuropathic) Trial and failure or inability to use ALL of the following: • Oral agents in at least 2 of the following groups:	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#30 per 30 days

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	 tricyclic antidepressants SSRIs (e.g. fluoxetine, sertraline) or SSNRIs (e.g. venlafaxine, duloxetine) Anticonvulsants (e.g. gabapentin) NSAIDs and/or acetaminophen Opioids (e.g. tramadol, hydrocodone/APAP) NOTE: Schedule II-IV opioids are not recommended for chronic pain but if patient has already taken at least one, then meets criteria) At least one of the following topical agents: capsaicin (e.g. topical capsaicin 0.025%,0.075% and 0.1% cream), topical menthol and/or salicylate products diclofenac 1% gel (Voltaren) lidocaine 5% ointment 			
Lipid Disorder: PCSK-9 Inhibitors Prior Authorization: Praluent ® (alirocumab) Repatha® (evolocumab) Last updated: October 2015	 Praluent® and Repatha® Patient is ≥ 21 years of age** AND Prescriber must be cardiologist or specialist in the treatment of lipid disorders. AND Documentation of 2 fasting lipid panel laboratory reports within the past 12 months with abnormal LDL cholesterol levels > 70mg/dL 	Initial: 4 months Continuation: 6 months	Documentation submitted indicates that the member has obtained clinical benefit from the medication including repeat fasting lipid panel lab report, and the member has had at least a 40% reduction in LDL. AND	Praluent® #2mL per 30 days Repatha® #3mL per 30 days

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	AND Documentation submitted indicates the patient is a non-smoker AND Documented claim history or chart notes showing consistent therapy and trial with at least two high-intensity statin therapy atorvastatin 40 - 80mg OR Crestor (Rosuvastatin) 20mg – 40mg with inadequate response still requiring additional LDL lowering or a documented medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity) for not utilizing all of these therapies AND If request indicates that the patient is "statin intolerant", documentation was provided including description of the side effects, duration of therapy, "wash out", re-trial, and then change		The patient's claim history shows consistent therapy (i.e. monthly fills).	
	of agents. Patient should have documentation of trial and failure of at least two statin therapies. AND Patient must have a confirmed diagnosis of			

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	heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) with chart notes or clinical labs with one of the following: o documented strong (first and second degree relatives) family history of high levels of LDL and/or heart attack and relationship to member o documented chart notes of clinical manifestations of FH such as xanthomas or inflamed tendons o Autosomal Dominant Hypercholesterolemia Genetic Testing Reflex Panel (ADHP Panel) OR Confirmed diagnosis of primary hyperlipidemia with chart notes and documentation of			
	atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (e.g. heart attack or stroke) or at increased risk for cardiovascular events OR			
	Confirmed diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia for Repatha®			
Long-Acting Beta Agonists (LABA) Salmeterol	Asthma/Bronchospasm LABA therapy is not being used as monotherapy AND	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	#60 per 30 days

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(Serevent®)	Trial and failure of combination Dulera, Symbicort AND Advair Diskus or Advair HFA			
Formoterol	AND Advail Diskus of Advail FIFA			
(Foradil ®)	COPD			
Created: January 2015	Diagnosis of COPD			
Long-Acting Opiates: Fentanyl transdermal	Trial and failure of morphine sulfate ER tablets at an adequate (equianalgesic) dose, in the last 12 months for at least 2 months OR inability to use morphine sulfate ER tablets due to a	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Fentanyl: #15 patches per 30 days
(Duragesic®)	contraindication or intolerance			Morphine sulfate caps: #60 per 30 days
Oxycodone ER (Oxycontin®) Oxymorphone ER (Opana ®ER) Morphine sulfate ER caps (Kadian®)	For morphine sulfate ER caps, oxycodone ER, oxymorphone ER: trial and failure or inability to use fentanyl			Oxycodone ER: #60 per 30 days
Last updated: April 2015				Oxymorphone ER: #60 per 30 days
Malathion (Ovide®)	Trial and failure or inability to use permethrin (Nix®, Acticin®, Elimite®) or pyrethrin/piperonyl (Rid®, Pronto®)	1 fill (59 ml)	None	1 fill (59 ml)
Last updated: January				

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2014				
Memantine (Namenda [®])	Alzheimer's disease Trial and failure or inability to use a cholinesterase inhibitor (donepezil, rivastigmine, or galantamine)	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Memantine tablets #2/day
Last updated: May 2013	OR Patient is to use for concurrent therapy with another cholinesterase inhibitor			Memantine solution #10 ml/day
Metoclopramide ODT (Metozolv®) Last updated: May 2013	Gastroesophageal reflux, Gastroparesis, Nausea/Vomiting Trial and failure or inability to use metoclopramide tablets and solution (eg. intolerance to liquid or difficulty swallowing)	1 year	Therapeutic response per PA request	#4/day
Multiple Sclerosis (INJECTABLE): PA required: Glatiramer Acetate (Copaxone®), Interferon beta -1a (Avonex®) Non-formulary: Interferon beta -1a (Rebif®) Interferon beta -1b	 Patient is ≥ 21 years** of age AND Patient has relapsing/remitting MS (RRMS) or secondary progressive MS (SPMS) with a relapsing element AND The medication is being recommended and/or prescribed by a neurologist at an FDA approved dosage AND For Rebif, Betaseron, Extavia and/or any other newly marketed self-injectable Disease-Modifying 	Initiation of therapy: 6 months Continuation of therapy: 1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need with clinic notes attached	INJECTABLE: Avonex: - vial: #1 kit (4 vials)/30 days - syringe: #2 mL (4 syringes)/30 days - pen: #2 mL (4 pens)/30 days Copaxone: 20 mg: #30 mL/30 days 40 mg: #30 mL/30 days

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Drug Name	PA Criteria for Initiation of Therapy	Duration of Approval	Criteria for Reauthorization/ continuation of therapy	Quantity Limit*
(Betaseron [®]) Interferon beta -1b (Extavia [®])	Immunomodulating MS Agent, the member has: o a documented treatment failure to 6 months of therapy with Copaxone and Avonex, OR o a medical reason (intolerance,			Betaseron: #1 kit (14 vials)/30 days Extavia: #1 kit (15 syringes)/30 days
Multiple Sclerosis (ORAL): PA required:	hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc) for not taking Copaxone and Avonex for a minimum of 6 months			Rebif: #6 mL (12 syringes)/30 days
Dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera®) Fingolimod (Gilenya®)	For Aubagio® and/or any other newly marketed oral MS Agent, the member has:			ORAL: Gilenya: 1 per day Aubagio: 1 per day
Non-formulary: Teriflunomide (Aubagio [®])	Tecfidera a medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not taking Gilenya or Tecfidera for a minimum of 6 months			Tecfidera: 2 per day
Last updated: July 2015	reclidera for a minimum of o months			
Nasal Steroids	Trial and failure or inability to use fluticasone, flunisolide AND triamcinolone	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical	#1 unit/30 days
Beclomethasone (Beconase AQ [®]), Budesonide	OR		need per PA request	
(Rhinocort AQ [®]), Fluticasone (Veramyst [®]),	For patients less than 4 years of age: trial and failure or inability to use triamcinolone			
(Nasonex [®]), Triamcinolone	•			

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(Nasacort AQ®)				
Last updated: May 2013				
Niacin (Niaspan [®])	Elevated triglycerides Trial and failure or inability to use of ALL of the following: OTC niacin CR Gemfibrozil Fibrates	1 year	Therapeutic response per PA request	#2/day
Last updated: July 2013				
Nilotinib (Tasigna®)	Patient is 18 years of age or older ** AND Patient has one of the following: • Newly diagnosed Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic myelogenous leukemia (Ph+CML) in the chronic phase • Ph+CML with resistance to or intolerance to prior therapy • Gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) after disease progression on Gleevec (imatinib) or	1 year	Lack of disease progression per PA request with clinic notes attached	150, 200 mg: #120 per 30 days

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Last updated: July 2013	Sutent (sunitinib) [†] • Ph+ acute lymphoid leukemia that is relapsed or refractory [†] • Systemic mast cell disease [†] [†] Compendial use			
Non-formulary topical steroids Created: October 2014 Updated: October 2015	Trial and failure or inability* to use ALL formulary products within the same potency group as listed below *example of inability to use cream, lotion, gel or ointment formulations is need for oil formulation for scalp conditions *example of inability to use other agents for desoximetasone requests is corticosteroid-induced contact dermatitis (note desoximetasone 0.25% cream preferred)	36 months	and continued clinical need per PA request Other product	Fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% body and scalp oil: #118.28 per 30 days Other products: 60 grams or ml per 30 days
	 Ultra High Potency (Group 1) Betamethasone propionate augmented 0.05% ointment, lotion or gel #60 per 30 grams Halobetasol propionate 0.05% ointment #60 per 30 grams High Potency (Group 2) Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% ointment or 			

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	 augmented cream #120 per 30 days Fluocinonide 0.05% ointment, gel, cream or solution #120 per 30 days Desoximetasone 0.25% cream #60 per 30 days High/Medium Potency (Group 3) Mometasone furoate 0.1% ointment #60 per 30 days 			
	 Triamcinolone acetonide 0.5% ointment or cream#240 per 30 days Medium Potency (Group 4) Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% cream #454 per 30 days or ointment #240 per 30 days Mometasone furoate 0.1% cream #60 per 30 days or solution #240 per 30 days 			
	 Lower-medium Potency (Group 5) Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% lotion #120 per 30 days or betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream #240 per 30 days Fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% cream #240 per 30 days Fluticasone propionate 0.05% cream #60 per 30 days 			
	Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% lotion or 0.025%			

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	ointment #240 per 30 days Low Potency (Group 6) Betamethasone valerate 0.1% lotion #240 per 30 days Triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% cream or lotion #240 per 30 days Least Potent (Group 7) Hydrocortisone (base) 0.5% ointment or cream, 1%, 2.5% ointment, cream or lotion #240 per 30 days			
Omega-3 Fatty Acids (Lovaza®)	Hypertriglyceridemia Trial and failure or inability to use formulary statins at maximum tolerated dose AND ALL of the following: Fibric acids OTC Omega-3 fatty acids Nicotinic acid	1 year	Therapeutic response per PA request	#4/day

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Last updated: July 2013 Ophthalmic Antihistamines Azelastine (Optivar®) Epinastine (Elestat®)	Azelastine (Optivar®), Epinastine (Elestat®)** Trial and failure or inability to use ketotifen **all non-formulary agents will require trial and failure or inability to use ketotifen AND azelastine or epinastine •	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Azelastine: 6 ml per 30 days Epinastine: 5 ml per 30 days
Created: April 2014 Ophthalmic NSAIDs Bromfenac (Xibrom®), Ketorolac (Acular®), Nepafenac (Nevanac®)	Trial and failure or inability to use flurbiprofen or diclofenac eye drops OR Prescribed by an ER doctor or diagnosis is either accident or acute injury to the eye(s)	1 fill	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	1 bottle

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Ophthalmic Prostaglandins Travoprost	 Glaucoma (open angle) or ocular hypertension Patient is 21 years of age or older** AND Has tried and failed or unable to use latanoprost 	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	2.5 ml per 30 days
Last updated: July 2014				
e.g. Amethia [®] , Beyaz [®] , Ortho Tri- Cyclen Lo [®] , Lo Loestrin Fe [®] , Natazia [®]	Trial and failure or inability to use 2 or more formulary contraceptives for at least 3 months (i.e. adverse reactions, compliance failure)	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#1/day
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PAH Agents Ambrisentan (Letairis®) Bosentan (Tracleer®)* Riociguat (Adempas®)	Initial criteria for all agents: 1. Confirmed diagnosis of PAH World Health Organization (WHO) Group 1 by a cardiologist, pulmonologist or credible expert. Must have, at minimum, functional class II for pharmacological intervention. 2. Documented treatment failure, adverse drug event or contraindication to calcium channel	12 months	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	
Sildenafil (Revatio®) Treprostinil (Tyvaso®) *(non-formulary)	blocker (CCB) OR contraindication or negative response to vasoreactivity testing. Sildenafil (Revatio®) Must meet 1 & 2 in initial criteria			Sildenafil (Revatio®) #90 per 30 days
Last updated: October 2014	 Ambrisentan (Letairis®) Must meet 1 & 2 in initial criteria AND Documented trial and failure with PDE-5 inhibitor (e.g. sildenafil) monotherapy OR contraindication/inability to use PDE-5 inhibitor (e.g. concurrent nitrate therapy) OR used as addon therapy for PDE-5 inhibitor 			Ambrisentan (Letairis®) #30 per 30 days Riociguat (Adempas®) #90 per 30 days
	Riociguat (Adempas®) • Must meet 1 & 2 in initial criteria			Bosentan (Tracleer®)

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	 AND Documented trial and failure with PDE-5 inhibitor (e.g. sildenafil) monotherapy OR contraindication/inability to use PDE-5 inhibitor (e.g. concurrent nitrate therapy) OR used as addon therapy for PDE-5 inhibitor AND Documented trial and failure or inability to use/contraindication to Ambrisentan (Letairis®) Bosentan (Tracleer®) Must meet 1 & 2 in initial criteria AND Documented trial and failure with PDE-5 inhibitor (e.g. sildenafil) monotherapy OR contraindication/inability to use PDE-5 inhibitor (e.g. concurrent nitrate therapy) OR used as addon therapy for PDE-5 inhibitor AND Documented trial and failure or inability to use/contraindication to Ambrisentan (Letairis®) Treprostinil (Tyvaso®) Must meet 1 & 2 in initial criteria AND Documented trial and failure with PDE-5 inhibitor 			#60 per 30 days Treprostinil (Tyvaso®) Tyvaso Inhalation Starter Kit (NDC 66302-0206-01) → 81.2mL per 28 days, 1 fill only Tyvaso Inhalation Refill Kit (NDC 66302-0206- 02) → 81.2mL per 28 days

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	 (e.g. sildenafil) monotherapy OR contraindication/inability to use PDE-5 inhibitor (e.g. concurrent nitrate therapy) OR used as addon therapy for PDE-5 inhibitor AND Documented trial and failure or inability to use/contraindication to Ambrisentan (Letairis®) OR Must be documented as WHO FC III with rapid progression or WHO FC IV. Members in these classes do not need to meet 1&2 in initial criteria. 			
Phosphate Binders Sevelamer carbonate (Renvela®) 800 mg tabs Lanthanum (Fosrenol®) 500, 750, 1000 mg chewable tablets Updated: October 2013	 Patient is 21 years of age or older** AND Patient has phosphate level > 5.5mg/dl on calcium acetate 667mg 3 tablets TID OR Patient has corrected calcium level > 9.5 mg/dl or CalPhos product > 55 OR Patient has tried and failed calcium acetate in the past due to hypercalcemia (calcium > 9.5 mg/dl) or intolerance 	2 years	Previous therapy for existing members	Fosrenol®: 500 mg #90 per 30 days, 750 mg #90 per 30 days 1000 #90 per 30 days Renvela® 800 mg tabs: #270 per 30 days

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	OR Patient has calcium level 8.4 -9.5 mg/dl AND adynamic bone disease, low PTH levels or vascular calcification			
Ponatinib (Iclusig®)	 Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Patient has a diagnosis of chronic myelogenous leukemia AND Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND Patient has documented therapeutic failure to TWO first-line tyrosine kinase inhibitors (i.e. Gleevec [imatinib], Sprycel [dasatinib] or Tasigna [nilotinib]) or medical reason (e.g. contraindication, intolerance) why first-line agents cannot be used Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia Patient has a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoblastic 	1 year	Lack of disease progression	15 mg: 2 per day

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	leukemia (Ph+ ALL)			
	AND			
	Patient is 18 years of age or older **			
	AND			
	Patient has documented therapeutic failure to TWO previous tyrosine kinase inhibitors (i.e. Gleevec [imatinib] AND Sprycel [dasatinib]) or medical reason (e.g. contraindication, intolerance) why first-line agents cannot be used			
Last updated: May 2013				
Pregabalin (Lyrica®)	<u>Trigeminal neuralgia, peripheral neuropathy or post-</u> herpetic neuralgia	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical	Fibromyalgia Max #2 per day. Max
PA required	Trial and failure or inability to use ALL of the following:		need per PA request	dose 450 mg per day
Last updated: July 2015	 one TCA (e.g. amitriptyline, clomipramine, desipramine, doxepin, imipramine, and nortriptyline) gabapentin up to 1800 mg/day or maximum tolerated dose one SNRI (e.g. venlafaxine or duloxetine) for at least 2 months 			Other indications Max #3 per day. Max dose 600mg/day

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	Fibromyalgia Trial and failure or inability to use ALL of the following: • one TCA (e.g. amitriptyline, clomipramine, desipramine, doxepin, imipramine, and nortriptyline) • gabapentin 1800 mg/day or maximum tolerated dose • duloxetine for at least 2 months Seizure disorder • Trial and failure of 2 or more anticonvulsants AND • Medication is prescribed or recommended by a neurologist			
Prostaglandin Analogs Bimatoprost (Lumigan®), Tafluprost (Zioptan™), Travoprost (Travatan Z®) Last updated: May	 Trial and failure or inability to use formulary Latanoprost OR Documented allergy to benzalkonium chloride 	1 year	None	Determined by requested product size

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2013				
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) Formulary: Omeprazole 10, 20, 40 mg caps Pantoprazole tabs Step therapy: Esomeprazole 22.3 mg cap (Nexium 24HR OTC) Lansoprazole 15, 30 mg caps PA required: Lansoprazole (Prevacid SoluTab) tabs Pantoprazole granules (Protonix) Non-formulary: Lansoprazole (Prevacid-OTC) Esomeprazole (Nexium) Omeprazole 20 mg	Lansoprazole caps and Nexium 24HR (OTC): Trial and failure or inability to use omeprazole AND pantoprazole Prevacid® SoluTab™, Protonix® Granules: • Inability to swallow AND • Trial and failure or inability to use omeprazole capsules opened and sprinkled over food as a first-line product AND lansoprazole capsules opened and sprinkled over food as a second-line product Omeprazole 20 mg tab: Trial and failure or inability to use omeprazole 20 mg caps	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Lansoprazole caps, Prevacid SoluTab: #30 per 30 days Nexium 24HR (OTC): #60 per 30 days Protonix granules: #30 packets per 30 days Omeprazole 20 mg tabs (Prilosec OTC): #30 per 30 days

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tabs (Prilosec-OTC) Omeprazole granules (Prilosec) Omeprazole/Sodium Bicarbonate (Zegerid) Rabeprazole (Aciphex)				
NOTE: dexlansoprazole (Dexilant®), esomeprazole (Nexium®) and rabeprazole (Aciphex®)are non- formulary and require trial and failure or inability to use omeprazole, pantoprazole, lansoprazole and Nexium-24HR (OTC) Last updated: October 2015				
Raloxifene (Evista®)	Prescribed by a hematologist or oncologist OR	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#1/day

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Last updated: January 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use bisphosphonates OR Prescribed for one of the following conditions Reduction in risk of invasive breast cancer in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis Reduction in risk of invasive breast cancer in postmenopausal women at high risk for invasive breast cancer Lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS) or Atypical hyperplasia			
Ranolazine (Ranexa [®]) Last updated: May 2013	Chronic angina Trial and failure or inability to use at least one antianginal agent (beta blocker, amlodipine, nifedipine, isosorbide, or long acting nitroglycerin) •	2 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#2/day
Rifaximin (Xifaxan®) Last updated: January 2015 Last reviewed: January 2015	Traveler's Diarrhea Trial and failure or inability to use ciprofloxacin (if 18 years of age or older), trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole AND azithromycin Hepatic Encephalopathy	Traveler's Diarrhea 1 fill Hepatic Encephalopat	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Rifaximin 200 mg #3 per day Rifaximin 550 mg #2per day

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	Trial and failure or inability to use lactulose	hy 1 year		SIBO
	Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) Diagnosis of SIBO	SIBO 1 fill		Rifaximin 550 mg #14 per 7 days
Rosuvastatin (Crestor®) Last updated: April 2015	Trial and failure or inability to use atorvastatin 80mg	1 year	Therapeutic response and continuous medical need per PA request	#1/day
Rufinamide (Banzel®) Last updated: May 2013	 Lennox-Fastaut Syndrome Trial and failure of 2 or more anticonvulsants AND 	5 years	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Rufinamide 200 mg #16/day
	 Initially prescribed or being followed by an neurology AND Patient is ≥4 years of age 			Rufinamide 400 mg #8/day
Ruxolitinib (Jakafi [®])	Patient is ≥ 18 years of age AND	Initial therapy: 6 months	Therapeutic response per PA request with clinic notes attached	

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Last updated: May 2013	 Patient has a diagnosis of intermediate or highrisk primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis defined by two or more of the IWG-MRT IPSS or DIPSS-Plus Criteria (Age > 65 years, Hemoglobin < 10 g/dL, White blood cell count > 25 x 109/L, Peripheral blasts ≥ 1%, Constitutional symptoms, platelet count < 100 x 109/L, red cell transfusion need, and unfavorable karyotype) 	Continuing therapy: 1 year		
Scopalamine transdermal patch (Transderm [®])	Preoperative Approvable condition	1 fill	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Pre-operative nausea #1/fill
	Motion sickness			Motion sickness
Last updated: May 2013	Trial and failure or inability to use of one of the medications from each class:			#4/fill
	Promethazine, metoclopramide			
	Meclizine, diphenhydramine, dimenhydrinate			
Insomnia Agents Formulary: Eszopiclone Temazepam Trazodone	Zolpidem CR trial and failure or inability to use at least 3 of the following: eszopiclone, temazepam, trazodone, zaleplon, zolpidem Ramelteon (Rozerem)	6 months	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Tablet formulations: #1 per day

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Zaleplon Zolpidem PA required: Ramelteon (Rozerem®) Zolpidem CR Non-formulary: Doxepin (Silenor®) Zolpidem (Edluar®) sublingual tablet Zolpidem (Intermezzo®) sublingual tablet Zolpidem (Zolpimist®) spray pump Last updated: May 2013 Last updated: July 2015	 trial and failure or inability to use at least 3 of the following: eszopiclone, temazepam, trazodone, zaleplon, zolpidem OR history of substance abuse or current chronic opiate use Doxepin (Silenor) trial and failure or inability to use at least 3 of the following: eszopiclone, temazepam, trazodone, zaleplon, zolpidem AND trial and failure or inability to use generic doxepin Zolpidem sublingual tablet, spray pump (Edluar, Intermezzo, Zolpimist) trial and failure or inability to use at least 3 of the following: eszopiclone, temazepam, trazodone, zaleplon, zolpidem OR inability to use tablet formulation 			
Temozolomide (Temodar [®])	Patient is 18 years of age or older** AND Patient has one of the following diagnoses: • Glioblastoma multiforme that is newly diagnosed and temozolomide will be used concomitantly with	1 year	Therapeutic response per PA request with clinic notes attached	200 mg/m2/day for 5-7 days (patient's BSA must be provided on the PA request)

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Last updated: July 2013	radiotherapy and then as maintenance treatment Refractory anaplastic astrocytoma that progressed on a drug regimen containing nitrosourea or procarbazine			
ENDOCRINE: Transdermal Testosterone Products Formulary: none (formulary injectable products are testosterone cypionate 100 mg/mL and 200 mg/mL intramuscular oil; testosterone enanthate 200 mg/mL intramuscular oil) PA required: Androgel 1% 50 mg	 One of the following diagnoses: Primary (testicular) hypogonadism OR Secondary (hypogonadotropic) hypogonadism (panhypopituitarism) Treatment of gender identity disorder AND Males or female-to-male ≥ 18 y/o AND For hypogonadism indications: low testosterone level on at least 2 samples (e.g. total testosterone level below 280 ng/dL (9.7 nmol/L) for younger men or below 200 ng/dL (6.9 nmol/L) for symptomatic older men (> 40 y/o)); a free serum testosterone level of less than 5pg/mL (174 pmol/L)) 	1 years	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Androgel 25mg (1%) gel packet: #150g (60 packets) per 30 days Androgel 50mg (1%) gel packet: #150g (30 packets) per 30 days Androgel 1% pump: #150g (2 pumps) per 30 days Androgel 1.25g (1.62%) gel packet: #75g (60 packets) per 30 days Androgel 2.5g (1.62%) gel packet: #75g (30 packets) per 30 days Androgel 1.62% pump: #75g (1 pump) per 30

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Non-formulary: Androderm patch Androgel 1% 25 mg packets, pump Androgel 1.62% gel Axiron solution pump Fortesta 2% gel pump Testim 1% gel tube Vogelxo 1% gel tube/pump Created: April 2015 Updated: October 2015 References: Goodman Neil, et al. American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists and American College of Endocrinology Position Statement On The Association Testosterone and Cardiovascular Risk. Endocrine Practice Vol 21 No.9 September 2015.	Trial and failure or inability to use formulary injectable testosterone (e.g. testosterone cypionate or enanthate) due to contraindication, intolerance or difficulty with self-injections AND For products other than Androgel 1% gel 50 mg packets: trial and failure or inability to use generic Androgel 1% gel 50 mg packets (e.g. Androgel 1.62% is needed for transgender men) AND For Axiron: concern for product transfer to close contacts AND trial and failure or inability to use Androderm patches (e.g. skin irritation)			days Androderm 2mg/24hr: #30 patches per 30 days Androderm 4mg/24hr: #30 patches per 30 days Axiron 30mg/1.5ml solution: #90ml (1 pump) per 30 days Fortesta 2% pump: #60g (1 pump) per 30 days Testim/Vogelxo 1% gel: #150g (30 tubes) per 30 days Vogelxo 1% pump: #150g (2 pumps) per 30 days
Tolcapone (Tasmar®)	Parkinson's Disease	1 year	Therapeutic response	#3/day

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	Patient is being followed by a neurologist AND Patient is taking carbidopa/levodopa concurrently OR Patient has intolerance/contraindication to Stalevo		per PA request	
Last updated: July 2013 Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors	Diagnosis of atopic dermatitis, psoriasis or oral Lichen Planus	12 months	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	30 grams per 30 days
Tacrolimus (Protopic) 0.03%, 0.1% ointment Pimecrolimus (Elidel) 1% cream (non-formulary)	 Trial and failure of at least 1 medium to high potency topical corticosteroids OR inability to use topical corticosteroids due to contraindication or intolerance (e.g. areas involving the face, neck, flexural, genital or intertriginous areas) AND For Elidel: trial and failure or inability to use tacrolimus ointment 			

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Last updated: April 2015				
Topical Diclofenac (Solaraze®) Last updated: July 2013	Actinic Keratosis Trial and failure or inability ALL of the following: • Liquid nitrogen cryotherapy, surgical removal or phototherapy Topical 5-fluorouracil or imiquimod	3 months	Therapeutic response per PA request	#100 gm/30 days
Topical NSAIDs Formulary: Diclofenac 1% gel (Voltaren®)	Osteoarthritis of hand and knee Trial and failure or inability to use at least 2 oral NSAIDs (e.g. age >65, on oral anticoagulant, GFR < 30 ml/min, history of GI issues (e.g. GI bleed/ulcer), side effects from prior trial of NSAIDs)	12 months	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#100 per 30 days
*Flector® and Pennsaid® are non- formulary and require trial and failure or inability to use Voltaren®	 Other pain indications Trial and failure of at least 2 NSAIDs OR inability to use NSAIDs (e.g. due to. age >65, on oral anticoagulant, GFR < 30 ml/min, history of GI issues (e.g. GI bleed/ulcer), side effects from prior trial of NSAIDs) 			

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Created: May 2013 Revised: January 2015 Topical retinoids Adapalene 0.1% cream, gel Tretinoin 0.01%, 0.025% gel; 0.025%,	 AND Trial and failure or inability to use topical menthol, capsaicin, or salicylate products Adapalene gel: Diagnosis of acne AND Trial and failure or inability to use tretinoin 	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued clinical need per PA request	Adapalene: #45 gm per 30 days Tretinoin gel: #15 gm per 30 days
0.05%, 0.1% cream Created: January 2015	 Adapalene cream: Diagnosis of acne AND Trial and failure or inability to use tretinoin AND adapelene gel 			Tretinoin cream: #20 gm per 30 days
Triptans	 Tretinoin: Diagnosis of acne for patients > 30 years of age (formulary for ≤ 30 years of age) Trial and failure or inability to use sumatriptan 	1 year	Documentation of	#9 tablets per 30 days

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tablets		successful treatment	
OR			
Member is between the age of 6 and 18 years old			
 Member is between the age of 6 and 12 years old 			
OR			
Member has difficulty or inability to swallow			
 Member is on migraine prophylaxis treatment if having more than 4 headaches a month 			
AND			
 Trial and failure or inability to use sumatriptan tablets AND rizatriptan tablets 			
Diagnosis of migraine with nausea and vomiting			
OR			
Diagnosis of cluster headaches			
	tablets OR Member is between the age of 6 and 18 years old • Member is between the age of 6 and 12 years old OR Member has difficulty or inability to swallow • Member is on migraine prophylaxis treatment if having more than 4 headaches a month AND • Trial and failure or inability to use sumatriptan tablets AND rizatriptan tablets • Diagnosis of migraine with nausea and vomiting OR	tablets OR Member is between the age of 6 and 18 years old • Member is between the age of 6 and 12 years old OR Member has difficulty or inability to swallow • Member is on migraine prophylaxis treatment if having more than 4 headaches a month AND • Trial and failure or inability to use sumatriptan tablets AND rizatriptan tablets • Diagnosis of migraine with nausea and vomiting OR	tablets OR Member is between the age of 6 and 18 years old • Member is between the age of 6 and 12 years old OR Member has difficulty or inability to swallow • Member is on migraine prophylaxis treatment if having more than 4 headaches a month AND • Trial and failure or inability to use sumatriptan tablets AND rizatriptan tablets • Diagnosis of migraine with nausea and vomiting OR

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Sumatriptan Nasal Spray				1 fill (6 sprays) per 30 days
Created: April 2014				
Vitamin D Analogs	Trial and failure or inability to use calcitriol	1 year	Therapeutic response per PA request	#1/day
Doxercalciferol (Hectorol®)			politicadasse	
Paricalcitol (Zemplar®)				
Last updated: July 2013				
Voriconazole (Vfend®)	Trial and failure or inability to use itraconazole	One course of treatment	Therapeutic response and continued medical	#2/day
Last updated: May	OR	ueauneni	need per PA request	

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2013	Patient is being discharged and continuing therapy from IV voriconazole			
Anticoagulants, Injectable Formulary 10-day supply, 2 fills per year: Enoxaparin (Lovenox) PA required: Dalteparin (Fragmin) Fonadaparinux (Arixtra) Last updated: July 2015	*Note: Enoxaparin within specified quantity and fill limits (10 days supply, 2 fills per year) will pay at point of sale. Below criteria only applies to requests above quantity limits for enoxaparin Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and/or pulmonary embolism (PE): Patient is 21 years of age or older** AND The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines based on patient's current weight or standard weight of 70 kg AND For chronic therapy (greater than 1 month), valid medical reason why oral anticoagulants (e.g. warfarin, Xarelto, Eliquis) cannot be used AND For Fragmin and Arixtra: trial and failure or inability to use enoxaparin due to contraindication or intolerance Pregnancy: Indication is prevention and/or treatment of a DVT and/or PE while the member is pregnant AND Documentation of the patient's current weight	DVT/PE 1 time authorization for up to a 30 days supply, unless supporting documentatio n for longer therapy is provided, then up to 6 months will be approved DVT/PE and Pregnancy Duration of pregnancy and post partum up to 6 weeks Cancer Initial: 6 months Re-auth: 1	Therapeutic response and continued medical need for chronic therapy per PA request DVT/PE and Pregnancy None (one time authorization) Cancer Therapeutic response and continued medical need for chronic therapy per PA request	30 days per fill; quantity is variable depending on patient's weight and FDA approved dosing guidelines

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	 and expected due date (EDD). If the request is to continue LMWH treatment postpartum then documentation of the patient's actual or expected due date and current weight is required AND THEN up to 6 weeks of additional treatment may be authorized. AND The medication is being recommended and prescribed by an obstetrician or hematologist 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 For Fragmin and Arixtra: trial and failure or inability to use enoxaparin due to contraindication or intolerance 	year		
	 Cancer: Indication is prevention and/or treatment of a venous thromboembolism (VTE), a proximal DVT and/or PE for a member with cancer AND Patient is 21 years of age or older**			

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	AND For Fragmin and Arixtra: trial and failure or inability to use enoxaparin due to contraindication or intolerance			
Anticoagulants, Oral Formulary: Apixaban (Eliquis) Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) Warfarin PA required: Edoxaban (Savaysa) Dabigatran (Pradaxa) Created: July 2015	 Patient is ≥21 years of age** AND Trial and failure or inability to use Eliquis AND Xarelto due to contraindication or intolerance AND For <i>Edoxaban (Savaysa)</i> Indication for one of the following: Nonvalvular atrial fibrillation Treatment of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Treatment of Pulmonary Embolism (PE) For <i>Dabigatran (Pradaxa)</i> Indication for one of the following:	Atrial Fibrillation 2 years Treatment of DVT/PE 1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	Savaysa: #30 per 30 days Pradaxa: #60 per 30 days
Nicotine Replacement Therapy Formulary #360 per 30 days: nicotine gum	Nicotine nasal solution (Nicotrol NS), nicotine inhalation cartridge (Nicotrol): Trial and failure or inability to use [¥] at least 3 formulary products for smoking cessation therapy (i.e. nicotine gum, lozenge or patch, bupropion, Chantix) *examples could include e.g. due to gastritis or	6 months (6 fills)	Response to therapy and medical justification for why therapy longer than 6 months is needed	Nicotine nasal solution: up to #120 ml per 30 days (80 sprays/40 mg per day) Nicotine inhalation cartridge: up to #504

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nicotine lozenge Formulary #30 per 30 days: nicotine patch PA required: nicotine nasal solution (Nicotrol NS), nicotine inhalation cartridge (Nicotrol)	esophagitis for nicotine gum and lozenges, rash for nicotine patches Nicotine lozenge, gum, patch over formulary quantity limit: Medial justification for why quantity larger than formulary quantity limit is needed			cartridges per 30 days (max 16 cartridges per day; package size of 168 cartridges)
Created: July 2015 Difluprednate 0.05% emulsion (Durezol®) Created: January 2015	 Anterior uveitis Member is 21 years of age or older** AND Trial and failure or contraindication to fluorometholone 0.1% suspension Inflammation and pain post ocular surgery Member is 21 years of age or older** 	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	5 mL per 30 days
Temazepam 7.5 mg (Restoril®) Last updated: May 2013	Trial and failure or inability to use Zolpidem AND generic Temazepam	1 year	Therapeutic response and continued medical need per PA request	#1/day

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