



PROVIDENCE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

2025 PART D PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA:

PHIP ALIGN GROUP PLAN + RX (HMO) AND FLEX GROUP PLAN + RX (HMO-POS) PLANS

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ANTI-CANCER AGENTS

Products Affected

- abiraterone oral tablet 250 mg
- Actimmune
- Akeega
- Alecensa
- Alunbrig
- Augtyro
- Ayvakit
- Balversa
- Besremi
- bexarotene
- Bosulif
- Braftovi
- Brukinsa
- Cabometyx
- Calquence (acalabrutinib mal)
- Caprelsa
- Cometriq
- Copiktra
- Cotellic
- Danziten
- dasatinib
- Daurismo
- Eligard
- Eligard (3 month)
- Eligard (4 month)
- Eligard (6 month)
- Erivedge
- Erleada
- erlotinib
- everolimus (antineoplastic)
- Fotivda
- Fruzaqla
- Gavreto
- gefitinib
- Gilotrif
- Gleostine
- Ibrance
- Iclusig
- Idhifa
- imatinib
- Imbruvica oral capsule
- Imbruvica oral suspension
- Imbruvica oral tablet 420 mg
- Imkeldi
- Inlyta
- Inqovi
- Inrebic
- Itovebi
- Iwilfin
- Jakafi
- Jaypirca
- Kisqali
- Kisqali Femara Co-Pack
- Koselugo
- Krazati
- lapatinib
- Lazcluze
- lenalidomide
- Lenvima
- Lonsurf
- Lorbrena
- Lumakras
- Lynparza
- Lytgobi
- Mekinist
- Mektovi

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- metyrosine
- Nerlynx
- nilutamide
- Ninlaro
- Nubeqa
- Odomzo
- Ogsiveo
- Ojemda
- Ojjaara
- Onureg
- Orgovyx
- Orserdu
- Panretin
- pazopanib
- Pemazyre
- Piqray
- Pomalyst
- Qinlock
- Retevmo
- Revlimid
- Revuforj oral tablet 110 mg, 160 mg
- Rezlidhia
- Rozlytrek
- Rubraca
- Rydapt
- Scemblix
- sorafenib
- Stivarga
- sunitinib malate
- Tabrecta
- Tafinlar
- Tagrisso
- Talzenna
- Tassigna
- Tazverik
- Tepmetko
- Tibsovo
- toremifene
- Torpenz
- Trelstar intramuscular suspension for reconstitution
- tretinoin (antineoplastic)
- Truqap
- Tukysa
- Turalio oral capsule 125 mg
- Vanflyta
- Venclexta
- Venclexta Starting Pack
- Verzenio
- Vitrakvi
- Vizimpro
- Vonjo
- Voranigo
- Welireg
- Xalkori
- Xospata
- Xpovio
- Xtandi
- Zejula oral tablet
- Zelboraf
- Zolinza
- Zydelig
- Zykadia

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>One of the following for initiation of the requested agent:</p> <p>1. For Bosulif or Tasigna: Documentation of use of imatinib or dasatinib (Sprycel) for the requested indication, unless one of the following: a. The patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to imatinib OR dasatinib, b. The patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to imatinib or dasatinib, c. CMS-approved compendia do not support the use of imatinib or dasatinib for the requested indication, or d. The prescriber has provided information in support of use of Bosulif or Tasigna over imatinib or dasatinib for the requested indication. 2. For Calquence: Documentation of use of Brukinsa or Imbruvica for the requested indication (if applicable), unless one of the following: a. The patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to Imbruvica or Brukinsa, b. The patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to Imbruvica or Brukinsa, c. CMS-approved compendia do not support the use of Imbruvica or Brukinsa for the requested indication, or d. The prescriber has provided information in support of use of Calquence over Imbruvica or Brukinsa for the requested indication. 3. For everolimus tablets for suspension (generic for Afinitor Disperz): documentation of medical rationale for the use of this formulation over the available everolimus tablet formulation. 4. For asciminib (Scemblix®) for Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia in chronic phase (Ph+ CML-CP) previously treated with two or more tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) OR Ph+ CML-CP with the T315I</p>
	<p>mutation: Documented trial, failure, intolerance, or contraindication to ponatinib (Iclusig®), 5. For all other agents: Indication is supported by CMS-approved compendia.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	For cancer diagnoses, must be prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist, hematologist, transplant specialist, neurologist or, for abiraterone, a urologist. For diagnosis of systemic mast cell disease, allergist or immunologist are also acceptable.
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS

Products Affected

- Cresemba oral
- itraconazole oral solution
- posaconazole oral
- voriconazole

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	<p>1. For oropharyngeal or esophageal candidiasis (itraconazole solution, posaconazole oral suspension (Noxafil), and voriconazole only):</p> <p>a. For itraconazole solution: Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to fluconazole</p> <p>b. For voriconazole or posaconazole oral suspension (Noxafil): Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to fluconazole and itraconazole solution.</p> <p>2. For the treatment of invasive aspergillosis or invasive candidiasis:</p> <p>a. Confirmed diagnosis (Fungal culture and other relevant laboratory studies [including histopathology] must be documented),</p> <p>b. voriconazole will be covered,</p> <p>c. for posaconazole or isavuconazonium: Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to voriconazole.</p> <p>3. For the treatment of blastomycosis or histoplasmosis: itraconazole will be covered,</p> <p>a. For voriconazole or posaconazole: Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to itraconazole</p> <p>4. For prophylaxis of invasive aspergillosis or invasive candidiasis: posaconazole or voriconazole will be covered in severely immunocompromised patients.</p>
Age Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an infectious disease specialist, hematologist, oncologist, transplant specialist, or pulmonologist for all indication except dermatomycosis, onychomycosis, and if requesting itraconazole, oropharyngeal or esophageal candidiasis
Coverage Duration	Aspergillus/Candida infection prophylaxis: initial/reauth 1 yr. Other uses: initial 3 mo/reauth 1 yr
Other Criteria	5. For treatment of mucormycosis: isavuconazonium or posaconazole will be covered. 6. For empiric antifungal therapy in patients with febrile neutropenia: voriconazole or posaconazole will be covered. For reauthorization: Documentation supporting continued use of the requested agent for the intended diagnosis (such as continued active disease, length of therapy is supported by literature or guidelines, for prophylaxis patient continues to be severely immunocompromised)
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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ANTIPSYCHOTICS

Products Affected

- asenapine maleate
- Caplyta
- Cobenfy
- Cobenfy Starter Pack
- Fanapt
- Lybalvi
- Rexulti oral tablet
- Secuado
- Vraylar oral capsule

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	<p>1. For all requests, documentation of medically accepted diagnosis, defined as Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication or compendia-supported use, AND 2. One of the following indication-specific criteria must be met: a. For adjunctive treatment of major depressive disorder, both of the following must be met: i. Documentation of current use of an antidepressant (e.g., citalopram, sertraline, paroxetine, duloxetine, mirtazapine, venlafaxine) AND ii. Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to quetiapine and aripiprazole, b. For schizophrenia: Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to two formulary, generic antipsychotics (e.g., quetiapine, olanzapine, ziprasidone, risperidone, aripiprazole, lurasidone), c. For bipolar disorder: Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to two formulary, generic medications for bipolar disorder (e.g., lithium, quetiapine, lamotrigine, divalproex, aripiprazole, risperidone, olanzapine, lurasidone).</p>
Age Restrictions	

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Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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ARCALYST

Products Affected

- Arcalyst

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndrome (CAPS) including Familial Cold Autoinflammatory Syndrome (FCAS) and Muckle-Wells Syndrome (MWS), all the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis confirmed by laboratory evidence of genetic mutation NLRP-3 (Nucleotide-binding domain, leucine rich family pyrin domain containing 3) or CIAS1 (Cold-induced autoinflammatory syndrome-1), AND 2. Classic symptoms associated with CAPS (such as urticaria-like rash, fever, cold/stress-triggered episodes, sensorineural hearing loss, chronic aseptic meningitis, and skeletal abnormalities). For Deficiency of Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist (DIRA), all the following must be met: 1. Confirmed by laboratory evidence of genetic mutation in IL1RN (encodes for interleukin-1 receptor antagonist), AND 2. Classic symptoms associated with DIRA (such as pustular psoriasis-like rashes, osteomyelitis without bacterial infection, and nail changes), AND 3. Current inflammatory remission of DIRA, AND 4. Weight of at least 10 kg. For recurrent pericarditis, all the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of recurrent pericarditis (RP) confirmed by an acute episode of pericarditis followed by a 4-6 week symptom free period prior to the next episode without an identified cause, AND 2. Documentation trial and failure, contraindication or intolerance to NSAIDs or glucocorticoids. Reauthorization requires documentation of improvement of symptoms (such as fever, urticaria-like rash, arthralgia, myalgia, fatigue, and conjunctivitis for CAPS).</p>
Age Restrictions	<p>For CAPS (which includes FCAS, MWS) and RP: Approved for patients 12 years of age and older</p>
Prescriber Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be approved for six months. Reauth will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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BENLYSTA

Products Affected

- Benlysta subcutaneous

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	1. Severe active central nervous system lupus 2. Current use of other biologic immunomodulator
Required Medical Information	For patients initiating therapy for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and active lupus nephritis, all the following must be met: 1. Confirmed diagnosis of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) or active lupus nephritis, 2. Documented failure (such as inadequate control with ongoing disease activity and/or frequent flares) to at least one of the following, unless all are contraindicated/not tolerated: a. For Non-Renal SLE: i. Hydroxychloroquine, ii. Glucocorticoids, iii. Immunosuppressive drugs (methotrexate, mycophenolate, azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine, tacrolimus), b. For SLE with Active Lupus Nephritis: i. Low-dose IV cyclophosphamide or ii. Mycophenolate and glucocorticoids, 3. Documentation that patient will continue to receive standard therapy (e.g., hydroxychloroquine, glucocorticoids or immunosuppressants) as this therapy has not been studied as monotherapy in patients with SLE. For patients established on therapy: Documentation of positive clinical response to belimumab (such as improvement in functional impairment, decrease of corticosteroid dose, decrease in pain medications, decrease in the number of exacerbations since prior to start of belimumab, reduction of renal related events).

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist or nephrologist.
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be approved for six months. Reauthorization will be approved for one year
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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BUDESONIDE ER

Products Affected

- budesonide oral tablet, delayed and ext. release

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For mild to moderate, active ulcerative colitis: 1. Confirmed diagnosis of mild to moderate, active ulcerative colitis AND 2. Documented trial, failure, intolerance or contraindication to treatment with an aminosalicylate (e.g., sulfasalazine, mesalamine) AND 3. Documented trial, failure, intolerance or contraindication to one of the following oral corticosteroids: dexamethasone, hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, prednisone or budesonide extended release capsule. For microscopic colitis: 1. Confirmed diagnosis of active, microscopic colitis. Further approval requires medical rationale why additional treatment is warranted for ulcerative colitis and microscopic colitis and if patient is not on maintenance therapy for ulcerative colitis why it is not appropriate.
Age Restrictions	Approved for patients 18 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for 8 weeks.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications, Some Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	MICROSCOPIC COLITIS
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CABLIVI

Products Affected

- Cablivi injection kit

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of acquired thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura, 2. Documentation that therapy will be given in combination with plasma exchange therapy, 3. Documentation that therapy will be given in combination with immunosuppressive therapy (i.e., glucocorticoids, rituximab) For reauthorization for a new treatment cycle, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Documentation of previous positive response to therapy (such as an improvement in platelet counts, reduction in neurological symptoms, or improvements in organ-damage markers), 2. Documentation that therapy will be given in combination with plasma exchange therapy and immunosuppressive therapy (i.e., glucocorticoids, rituximab), 3. Documentation that length of therapy post plasma exchange will not exceed 58 days, and 4. Documentation that patient has not had more than two recurrences of acquired thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura while on therapy with caplacizumab (recurrence is defined as initial platelet normalization followed by a reduction in platelet count that necessitates re-initiation of plasma exchange). For reauthorization for treatment extension, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Documentation of positive response to therapy (such as an improvement in platelet counts, reduction in neurological symptoms, or improvements in organ-damage markers), 2. Documentation that patient has signs of persistent underlying disease such as persistent severe ADAMTS13 deficiency (less than 10% or 10</p>
	IU/dL), and 3. Documentation that length of therapy post plasma exchange will not exceed 58 days.
Age Restrictions	Approved for patients 18 years of age and older

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for 90 days.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CFTR MODULATORS

Products Affected

- Kalydeco
- Orkambi
- Symdeko
- Trikafta

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	Diagnosis of cystic fibrosis with documentation of mutations consistent with FDA approved uses for the requested medication.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or provider at a Cystic Fibrosis Center.
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CGRP-AIMOVIG

Products Affected

- Aimovig Autoinjector

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	In combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization for prevention of migraine headaches, all the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of migraine headaches with at least four (4) headache days per month AND 2. One of the following: a. Trial and inadequate response to at least one (1) of the following prophylactic medications: divalproex, valproate, topiramate, metoprolol, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, OR b. Documented intolerance or contraindication to the above medications. Reauthorization requires clinical benefit with use, such as a reduction in the severity or frequency of headaches
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial approval will be for 1 year. Reauth will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CGRP-EMGALITY

Products Affected

- Emgality Pen
- Emgality Syringe

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	In combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization for prevention of migraine headaches, all the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of migraine headaches with at least four (4) headache days per month AND 2. One of the following: a. Trial and inadequate response to at least one (1) of the following prophylactic medications: divalproex, valproate, topiramate, metoprolol, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, OR b. Documented intolerance or contraindication to the above medications. For initiation authorization for cluster headaches, all the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of episodic cluster headache with at least five (5) cluster headache attacks AND 2. The patient has had at least two cluster periods lasting at least seven (7) days and separated by pain-free remission periods of three months or more. Reauthorization requires clinical benefit with use, such as a reduction in the severity or frequency of headaches.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Coverage Duration	Initial approval will be for 1 year. Reauth will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CGRP-NURTEC ODT

Products Affected

- Nurtec ODT

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization for prevention of migraine headaches, all the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of migraine headaches with at least four (4) headache days per month AND 2. One of the following: a. Trial and inadequate response to at least one (1) of the following prophylactic medications: divalproex, valproate, topiramate, metoprolol, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, OR b. Documented intolerance or contraindication to the above medications, AND 3. The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis. For initial authorization for the acute treatment of migraine headaches, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Patient has a diagnosis of migraine with or without aura, AND 2. The patient has tried and had an inadequate response to a triptan (e.g., sumatriptan, rizatriptan) agent, or intolerance, hypersensitivity or an FDA labeled contraindication to a triptan, AND 3. The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another acute-use CGRP. For reauthorization, all of the following must be met: 1. Clinical benefit with use, such as a reduction in the severity or frequency of headaches, AND 2. One of the following: a. For prevention of migraine headache: The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis, b. For acute treatment of migraine headaches: The patient will</p>
	NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another acute-use CGRP.
Age Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial approval will be for 1 year. Reauth will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CGRP-QULIPTA

Products Affected

- Qulipta

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	In combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization for prevention of migraine headaches, all the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of migraine headaches with at least four (4) headache days per month AND 2. One of the following: a. Trial and inadequate response to at least one (1) of the following prophylactic medications: divalproex, valproate, topiramate, metoprolol, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, OR b. Documented intolerance or contraindication to the above medications. Reauthorization requires clinical benefit with use, such as a reduction in the severity or frequency of headaches
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial approval will be for 1 year. Reauth will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CGRP-UBRELVY

Products Affected

- Ubrelevy

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	In combination with an acute-use CGRP
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization for the acute treatment of migraine headaches, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Patient has a diagnosis of migraine with or without aura, AND 2. The patient has tried and had an inadequate response to a triptan (e.g., sumatriptan, rizatriptan) agent, or intolerance, hypersensitivity or an FDA labeled contraindication to a triptan. Reauthorization requires clinical benefit with use, such as a reduction in the severity or frequency of headaches.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial approval will be for 1 year. Reauth will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORS FOR PERSONAL USE

Products Affected

- Dexcom G6 Receiver
- Dexcom G6 Sensor
- Dexcom G6 Transmitter
- Dexcom G7 Receiver
- Dexcom G7 Sensor
- FreeStyle Libre 14 Day Reader
- FreeStyle Libre 14 Day Sensor
- FreeStyle Libre 2 Plus Sensor
- FreeStyle Libre 2 Reader
- FreeStyle Libre 2 Sensor
- FreeStyle Libre 3 Plus Sensor
- FreeStyle Libre 3 Reader
- FreeStyle Libre 3 Sensor

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>I. Continuous glucose monitors may be considered medically necessary and covered for the treatment of diabetes when all the following criteria are met: A. The requested device is FDA-approved and is being used in accordance with the approved indications of use, and B. One of the following: 1. The patient is using insulin. This may automatically adjudicate with history of pharmacy claim for insulin within the previous 120 days. 2. The patient has experienced hypoglycemia, defined as documentation of at least one of the following a. Recurrent hypoglycemic events, [defined as glucose less than 54mg/dL (3.0mmol/L)] that persist despite multiple attempts to adjust medication(s) and/or modify the diabetes treatment plan b. History of one hypoglycemic event [defined as glucose less than 54mg/dL (3.0mmol/L)] characterized by altered mental and/or physical state requiring third-party assistance for treatment of hypoglycemia c. Within six months prior to ordering the CGM, the treating practitioner has an in-person or Medicare-approved telehealth visit with the beneficiary to evaluate their diabetes control and determined that criteria above are met. II. Upgrade or replacement of continuous glucose monitor systems may be considered medically necessary and covered when there is documentation that one or more of the device components meet all of the following criteria (A.-C.): A. Are no longer functional, and B. Are not under warranty, and C. Cannot be repaired. III. Upgrade or replacement of continuous glucose monitor systems is considered not</p>

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	<p>medically necessary and not covered when criterion II above is not met. Upon approval, concurrent use of test strips will be limited to: Dexcom G6/Freestyle Libre/Libre 2: 150 strips per 30-day supply. Requests above this quantity are not considered medically necessary. Coverage may be allowed with discontinuation of continuous glucose monitoring system and is subject to test strip quantity criteria (See Diabetic DME policy)</p>
Age Restrictions	Age must be appropriate based on FDA-approved indication
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Auth will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan,subject to formulary or benefit changes
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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CORLANOR

Products Affected

- Corlanor oral solution
- ivabradine

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For chronic heart failure in adults, all the following must be met: 1. Symptoms consistent with New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class II, III, or IV, 2. Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) of 35% or less, 3. Documentation that patient is currently in normal sinus rhythm with resting heart rate of at least 70 bpm, 4. Documentation that the patient is currently using two (2) of the following therapies unless contraindicated or not tolerated: a. An ACE inhibitor (e.g., lisinopril, enalapril) or ARB (e.g., losartan, valsartan) at the maximally tolerated dose, b. One of the following beta-blockers, at the maximally tolerated dose, proven to reduce mortality in all stable patients of heart failure with reduced left ventricular ejection fraction: carvedilol, metoprolol succinate, or bisoprolol, c. A sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor (SGLT-2 inhibitor) (empagliflozin or dapagliflozin), 5. Documentation that the patient has been hospitalized for worsening heart failure in the previous 12 months. For pediatric patients at least six months of age: 1. Diagnosis of stable symptomatic heart failure due to dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), 2. Documentation that patient is currently in normal sinus rhythm with resting heart rate as follows: age 6-12 months: at least 105 bpm, age 1-3 years: at least 95 bpm, age 3-5 years: at least 75 bpm, age over 5 years: at least 70 bpm.</p>
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist or electrophysiologist.
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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DIACOMIT

Products Affected

- Diacomit

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Documentation of seizures associated with Dravet Syndrome (DS), 2. Documentation that stiripentol will be used in combination with clobazam, 3. Dose will not exceed 50mg/kg (up to maximum 3,000 mg) per day
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an epilepsy specialist or a neurologist.
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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DISPOSABLE INSULIN PUMPS

Products Affected

- Omnipod 5 G6 Intro Kit (Gen 5)
- Omnipod 5 G6 Pods (Gen 5)
- Omnipod 5 G6-G7 Intro Kit (Gen 5)
- Omnipod 5 G6-G7 Pods (Gen 5)
- Omnipod Dash Intro Kit (Gen 4)
- Omnipod Dash Pods (Gen 4)

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Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>Disposable insulin pumps will be covered for the treatment of insulin-dependent diabetes when one of the following criteria is met: 1. The request is for a patient with Type 1 diabetes, or 2. All the following: a. The requested device is FDA-approved and is being used in accordance with the approved indications of use, and b. The patient has been on a program of multiple daily injections of insulin (at least two injections per day), and c. Documented history of inadequate glycemic control despite compliance with frequent self-monitoring (four or more blood glucose readings per day or use of continuous glucose monitor) and patient has any of the following problems controlling blood glucose level: i. Documented hypoglycemia unawareness, or ii. Documented recurring episodes (two or more events) of clinically significant hypoglycemia (less than 54 mg/dl) or fasting hyperglycemia (greater than 150 mg/dl), or iii. Glycosylated hemoglobin level (HbA1C) greater than 7%, or iv. History of recurring, symptomatic hypoglycemia, or v. Fasting blood sugars frequently exceeding 200 mg/dL, or vi. History of severe glycemic fluctuations, or vii. Documented need for more than five daily injections of insulin. Requests for additional pods may be covered when the patients' total daily dose of insulin is more than 65 units per day. The quantity will be limited to the appropriate number of pods per month based on insulin utilization (each pod can hold 200 units of insulin and must be changed every 72 hours)</p>
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan
Other Criteria	
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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DROXIDOPA

Products Affected

- droxidopa

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	All of the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of symptomatic neurogenic orthostatic hypotension (nOH) 2. Documentation that neurogenic orthostatic hypotension is caused by one of the following: a. Primary autonomic failure (e.g., Parkinson's disease, multiple system atrophy, or pure autonomic failure) b. Dopamine beta-hydroxylase deficiency c. Non-diabetic autonomic neuropathy 3. Documentation of a screen for treatable causes of orthostatic hypotension and currently being treated for the identified treatable cause of orthostatic hypotension 4. Documented trial, failure, intolerance or contraindication to both midodrine and fludrocortisone. Reauthorization: 1. Documented response to initial therapy (improvement in severity from baseline symptoms of dizziness, lightheadedness, feeling faint, or feeling like the patient may black out) 2. Documentation that periodic evaluations are being done to assess continued efficacy and medical rationale for continuing therapy, as none of the clinical trials demonstrated continued efficacy beyond 2 weeks of treatment.
Age Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist or neurologist.
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be for three months. Reauthorization will be approved for 1 year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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DUPIXENT

Products Affected

- Dupixent Pen mL
- Dupixent Syringe subcutaneous
syringe 200 mg/1.14 mL, 300 mg/2

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concurrent use with another therapeutic immunomodulator agent utilized for the same indication.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization for moderate-to-severe asthma: 1. Diagnosis of eosinophilic asthma (defined as a blood eosinophil count of at least 150 cells/microliter) or oral corticosteroid dependent asthma, 2. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue asthma control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/ contraindication to standard asthma control therapy. Asthma control therapy may include inhaled corticosteroids (ICS), ICS with long-acting beta agonist (ICS/LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA), and/or theophylline, 3. Documentation of severe asthma with inadequate control such as frequent exacerbations requiring oral corticosteroids or hospitalizations or a poor asthma control scores (An ACT score less than 20 or an ACQ greater than or equal to 1.5). Reauthorization for asthma requires: 1. Documentation of response to therapy, such as attainment and maintenance of remission or decrease in number of relapses and 2. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue asthma control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/ contraindication to standard asthma control therapy (e.g., ICS, ICS/LABA, LRTA, LAMA, theophylline). For initial authorization for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): 1. Diagnosis of COPD with an eosinophilic phenotype 2. The patient is currently being treated with AND will continue COPD control therapy (e.g., ICS, LABA, LAMA) in combination with the requested agent. Reauthorization for COPD</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
	requires: 1. Documentation of response to therapy, such as attainment and maintenance of remission or decrease in number of relapses and 2. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue COPD control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/ contraindication to standard COPD control therapy (e.g., ICS, LABA, LAMA).
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Medications must be prescribed by, or in consultation with the following specialists based on the diagnosis: Asthma/COPD: respiratory specialist (such as a pulmonologist, immunologist, or allergist), AD: dermatologist, allergist, or immunologist, EOE: allergist or gastroenterologist, CRSwNP: otolaryngologist, allergist, or pulmonologist, PN: dermatologist.
Coverage Duration	Asthma/COPD: Initial 1 yr/reauth until no longer elig with plan. Others: initial 6 mos/reauth 1 yr

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	<p>For initial authorization for atopic dermatitis (AD): 1. Diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis, and 2. For patients two years of age and over, documented inadequate response to one of the following unless both of the following options are not appropriate per provider:</p> <p>a. Topical corticosteroids (e.g., clobetasol 0.05%, betamethasone dipropionate 0.05%, triamcinolone 0.5%) or b. Topical calcineurin inhibitor (e.g., tacrolimus ointment). Reauthorization for AD: Documentation of response to therapy (such as reduction or stabilization from baseline of flares, pruritus, erythema, edema, xerosis, erosions/excoriations, oozing and crusting, lichenification, or affected BSA). For initial authorization for eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE), patient must have confirmed diagnosis by esophageal biopsy. Reauthorization for EoE: Documentation of response to therapy or disease stabilization. For initial authorization for prurigo nodularis (PN), patient must have confirmed diagnosis. Reauthorization for PN: Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy, such as reduced number of PN nodules and decreased severity of itching. For initial authorization for Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyp (CRSwNP): 1. Evidence of nasal polyposis by direct examination, endoscopy or sinus CT scan and 2. Inadequate response to a 30-day trial of intranasal corticosteroids (e.g., fluticasone) or has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to an intranasal corticosteroid, and 3. Patient will continue standard maintenance therapy (e.g., nasal saline</p>
	<p>irrigation, intranasal corticosteroids) in combination with dupilumab. Reauthorization for CRSwNP requires documentation of positive clinical response to therapy.</p>
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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EPIDIOLEX

Products Affected

- Epidiolex

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	Initial Authorization: 1. Documentation that patient has one of the following: a. Seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (LGS), b. Seizures associated with Dravet syndrome (DS), or c. Tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC), 2. Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to the following medications for the seizure type: a. For DS, one of the following: clobazam, valproate/valproic acid, or topiramate, b. For LGS, two of the following: lamotrigine, valproate/valproic acid, topiramate, or rufinamide, c. For TSC, one of the following: clobazam, levetiracetam, topiramate, or valproate/valproic acid 3. Baseline liver function tests must be documented, AND 4. Dose will not exceed: a. LGS/DS: 20 mg/kg/day or b. TSC: 25mg/kg/day
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an epilepsy specialist or neurologist.
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

Products Affected

- Retacrit

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Patients with uncontrolled hypertension, Anemia induced from hepatitis C therapy, Anemia of cancer not related to cancer treatment, Prophylactic use to prevent chemotherapy-induced anemia, Prophylactic use to reduce tumor hypoxia

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>1. All diagnoses with the exception of 2d (preoperative use in anemic patients scheduled for elective noncardiac, nonvascular surgery) must have documented hemoglobin (HGB) levels of less than or equal to 10 g/dl or hematocrit (HCT) levels of less than or equal to 30% within 45 days prior to initiation of therapy, AND 2. Must meet the following indication-specific criteria: a. For anemia in Chronic Kidney Disease (not on dialysis): Documentation of adequate iron stores as indicated by current (within the last three months) serum ferritin level greater than or equal to 100 mcg/L or serum transferrin saturation greater than or equal to 20%, b. For anemia due to chemotherapy in cancer and related neoplastic conditions (see exclusion criteria for non-covered indications): i. Adequate iron stores as indicated by current (within the last three months) serum ferritin level more than or equal to 100 mcg/L or serum transferrin saturation more than or equal to 20%, AND, ii. Documentation that anemia is secondary to myelosuppressive chemotherapy in solid tumors, multiple myeloma, lymphoma, or lymphocytic leukemia, c. Anemia associated with zidovudine-treated HIV-infection patients: Documented endogenous serum erythropoietin level less than or equal to 500 mU/ml and zidovudine dose less than or equal to 4200 mg/week.</p>
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	<p>d. Preoperative use in anemic patients scheduled for elective hip or knee surgery: i. Documentation of preoperative anemia with pretreatment HGB between 10 and 13 g/dL., ii. The procedure has a high risk of perioperative blood loss (e.g., expected to lose more than 2 units of blood), AND iii. Patient is unwilling or unable to donate autologous blood pre-operatively. e. For preoperative use in anemic patients scheduled for cardiac surgery: i. Documentation that the patient will be undergoing cardiac surgery, ii. Documentation that anemia is due to chronic disease, AND iii. One of the following criteria: 1) Patient has preoperative anemia, defined as HGB less than 13g/dL for adult males or less than 12 g/dL for adult females, 2) Patient refused blood transfusions, 3). Patient is deemed high-risk for postoperative anemia. f. For anemia secondary to myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) or myelofibrosis, both of the following criteria must be met: i. Documentation of adequate iron stores as indicated by current (within the last three months) serum ferritin level more than or equal to 100 mcg/L or serum transferrin saturation more than or equal to 20% and ii. Documented current (within last three months) endogenous serum erythropoietin levels less than or equal to 500 mU/mL. Reauthorization requires: 1. Documentation of continued medical necessity AND 2. Documented HGB levels of less than or equal to 12 g/dl within previous 45 days.</p>
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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GAMMA GLOBULIN - IgG

Products Affected

- Bivigam
- Flebogamma DIF intravenous solution 5 %
- Gammagard Liquid
- Gammagard S-D (IgA < 1 mcg/mL)
- Gammaked
- Gammaplex (with sorbitol)
- Gammaplex intravenous solution 10 %
- Gamunex-C
- Octagam
- Panzyga intravenous solution 10 %
- Privigen

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>Primary immune deficiency disorders (e.g., agammaglobulinemia, hypogammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency, hyperIgM, or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome) are covered by Medicare Part B only. For secondary immunodeficiency (e.g., due to drugs, underlying disease): 1. Documentation of recurrent infections AND 2. Evidence of immunoglobulin (IgG) deficiency defined one of the following: a. Agammaglobulinemia (total pre-treatment IgG less than 200 mg/dL) or b. Hypogammaglobulinemia (total IgG less than 700 mg/dl, or at least two standard deviations (SDs) below normal), OR c. Deficiency in producing antibodies in response to vaccination. For Kawasaki syndrome: documentation that use is for acute treatment (within 10 days of symptom onset) in combination with aspirin. For children with Idiopathic or Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP): Documentation of one of the following: a. Platelet count less than 20,000 and significant mucous membrane bleeding, b. Platelet count less than 10,000 and minor purpura, c. Rapid increase in platelets required (e.g., planned surgery, dental extractions, or other procedures likely to cause blood loss). For pregnant women with ITP: Documentation of one of the following: a. Platelet count is less than 100,000 b. History of splenectomy c. History of delivered infant with autoimmune thrombocytopenia. For adult patients with ITP: 1. Documentation of one of the following: a. Platelet count of less than 30,000, b. Platelet count less than 50,000 with acute bleeding or high-risk of bleeding, c. To</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
	<p>defer or avoid splenectomy, d. Rapid increase in platelets required (e.g., planned surgery, dental extractions, or other procedures likely to cause blood loss) AND 2. Documentation that product will be used in combination with corticosteroid therapy, unless contraindicated. For Guillain-Barre Syndrome: 1. Documentation of symptom onset within 2 weeks or severe symptoms and 2. Documented inadequate response or contraindication to plasma exchange.</p>
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	<p>Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an appropriate specialist (e.g., a neurologist for multiple sclerosis or a hematologist for autoimmune hemolytic anemia)</p>
Coverage Duration	<p>Initial authorization for 6 months. Reauthorization for 12 months.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	<p>For prevention of infections in patients with chronic B-cell CLL: 1. Hypogammaglobulinemia (as defined above) OR 2. History of recurrent, severe infections (e.g., need for antibiotics, hospitalization). For dermatomyositis and polymyositis: 1. Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to one systemic corticosteroid and one immunosuppressant agent, 2. Documentation of severe symptoms despite therapy with above agents. For multifocal motor neuropathy: 1. Motor involvement of at least two nerves (for more than one month) without symptoms of sensory abnormalities AND 2. Documentation of severe disease/disability. For MS: 1. Documentation of relapsing/remitting disease AND 2. Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to at least 2 disease modifying therapies (e.g. dimethyl fumarate, glatiramer). For Allogenic Bone Marrow Transplantation or Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) Recipients: 1. Therapy is requested for use within 100 days of transplantation (transplantation date must be documented) OR 2. Hypogammaglobulinemia (as defined above). For chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP): 1. Documentation of severe disability and 2. One of the following: a. Documented trial and failure, intolerance or contraindication to systemic corticosteroids or b. Documentation of pure motor CIDP. For autoimmune hemolytic anemia: 1. Documented trial and failure, intolerance or contraindication to one systemic corticosteroid AND one other conventional therapy (e.g.,</p>

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	<p>cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, cyclosporine). For myasthenia gravis: One of the following: a. Evidence of myasthenic exacerbation, defined by at least one of the following symptoms in the last month: difficulty swallowing, acute respiratory failure, major functional disability responsible for the discontinuation of physical activity or b. Evidence of refractory disease defined as the following: 1. Documentation of severely impaired function AND 2. Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to at least 2 of the following conventional therapies: acetylcholinesterase inhibitors, corticosteroids, immunosuppressive agents, or plasma exchange. For autoimmune mucocutaneous blistering disease [pemphigus vulgaris, pemphigus foliaceus, bullous pemphigoid, mucous membrane (cicatricial) pemphigoid, epidermolysis bullosa acquisita, pemphigoid gestationis, linear IgA bullous dermatosis]: 1. Biopsy proven disease AND 2. Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to one systemic corticosteroid and one immunosuppressive agent.</p>
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications, Some Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	Hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients, acute Guillain-Barre syndrome, relapsing-remitting type multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, autoimmune mucocutaneous blistering disease, and polymyositis.
Part B Prerequisite	No

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GLP-1 AGONISTS

Products Affected

- Bydureon BCise mg/dose (8 mg/3 mL)
- Mounjaro • Rybelsus oral tablet 14 mg, 3 mg, 7 mg
- Ozempic subcutaneous pen injector 0.25 mg or 0.5 mg (2 mg/3 mL), 1 mg/dose (4 mg/3 mL), 2 • Trulicity

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	All the following must be met: 1. The requested agent will NOT be used for weight loss alone, AND 2. The patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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HEPATITIS C

Products Affected

- ledipasvir-sofosbuvir
- Mavyret
- sofosbuvir-velpatasvir
- Vosevi

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	Criteria will be applied consistent with current American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)/Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) guidance.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	8 to 24 weeks based on medication, indication and established treatment guidelines
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA THERAPY

Products Affected

- icatibant
- Orladeyo
- Sajazir

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concomitant use of more than one agent used for prophylaxis
Required Medical Information	All of the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Type I, II or III, 2. One of the following: a. For HAE Type I and Type II, documentation of a complement study that shows: i. C4 less than normal AND ii. One of the following: C1-Inhibitor (C1-INH) protein or C1-INH function less than normal. b. For HAE with normal C1-INH or HAE Type III, one of the following: i. Confirmed Factor 12 (FXII) ANGPT1, PLG, KNG1 gene mutation OR ii. Positive family history for HAE and attacks that lack response to high dose antihistamines or corticosteroids, and 3. Dosing regimens are within FDA labeled dosing outlined in package insert or sufficient evidence-based rationale is provided for increased dosing and/or frequency
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an immunologist or allergist.
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for 1 yr.
Other Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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HUMAN GROWTH HORMONES

Products Affected

- Omnitrope

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization for Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD) in adults due to congenital defects, genetic defects, organic hypothalamic-pituitary disease, must meet one of the following criteria: 1. At least three pituitary hormone deficiencies (other than GH) or 2. Less than three pituitary hormone deficiencies, or IGF-1 below normal for age/sex, and one of the following confirmatory stimulation tests: a. Insulin Tolerance Test (ITT) with peak GH less than/equal to 5 micrograms per liter (mcg/L), b. Glucagon Stimulation Test (GST) with low peak GH based on body mass index (BMI), as follows: i. BMI less than 25: Peak GH less than/equal to 3 mcg/L, ii. BMI 25-30: Peak GH less than/equal to 1 mcg/L (patients with high clinical suspicion of GHD, peak GH less than 3 mcg/L will be covered), iii. BMI greater than/equal to 30: Peak GH less than/equal to 1 mcg/L, c. Macimorelin with peak GH less than/equal to 2.8 mcg/L. For initial authorization for GHD in adults (adult-onset) and history of destructive lesions of the hypothalamic region (such as hypothalamic-pituitary tumors, surgery, cranial irradiation, traumatic brain injury): 1. IGF-1 below normal for age/sex, 2. One of the following confirmatory stimulation tests: a. Insulin Tolerance Test (ITT) with peak GH less than/equal to 5 mcg/L, b. Glucagon Stimulation Test (GST) with low peak GH based on body mass index (BMI), as follows: i. BMI less than 25: Peak GH less than/equal to 3 mcg/L, ii. BMI 25-30: Peak GH less than/equal to 1 mcg/L. For patients with high clinical suspicion of GHD in this range, coverage will be approved with peak GH less than 3</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
	mcg/L., iii. BMI greater than/equal to 30: Peak GH less than/equal to 1 mcg/L, c. Macimorelin with peak GH less than/equal to 2.8 mcg/L. For reauthorization for GHD in adults: evidence of improved quality of life, good tolerability, and annual documentation of IGF-1 with appropriate dosage adjustments (GH requirements often decrease with age).
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist.
Coverage Duration	AIDS wasting: 12 months. All other uses: initial/reauth for 12 months.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	<p>For initial authorization for GHD in children, must meet one of the following: 1. Newborn with hypoglycemia and both of the following: a. Serum GH level less than/equal to 5 mcg/L and b. One of the following: i. An additional pituitary hormone deficiency (other than GH), or ii. Classical imaging triad (ectopic posterior pituitary and pituitary hypoplasia with abnormal stalk), 2. Extreme short stature (height more than 3 SDS below the mean for chronological age/sex), all the following: a. IGF-1 level at least 2 SDS below normal, b. Insulin-like growth factor binding protein-3 (IGFBP-3) at least 2 SDS below normal, or c. Delayed bone age (2 SDs below the mean for chronological age), 3. Pituitary abnormality (secondary to a congenital anomaly, tumor, or irradiation) and both of the following criteria: a. Additional pituitary hormone deficiency (other than GH), and b. Evidence of short stature/growth failure (GF) by one of the following: i. Height more than 3 SDS below the mean for chronological age/sex, ii. Height below 3rd percentile (or greater than 2 SD below the mean) AND untreated growth velocity (GV) is below the 25th percentile, iii. Severe growth rate deceleration (GV over one year of more than 2 SD below the mean for age/sex), 4. Suspected GHD and all the following: a. Evidence of short stature/GF using criteria above, b. Biochemical GHD by one of the following: i. Two GH stimulation tests (using arginine, clonidine, glucagon, insulin, or levodopa) with peak GH concentrations less than 10 ng/mL or ii. One GH stim test with peak GH less than 15 ng/ml and</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
	<p>IGF-1 and IGFBP-3 levels below normal. For Prader-Willi Syndrome, Turner Syndrome, Short stature homeobox-containing (SHOX) deficiency: 1. Confirmed diagnosis by genetic testing and 2. Evidence of short stature/GF using criteria above. For Noonan Syndrome: 1. Confirmed diagnosis by genetic testing or made by an endocrinologist based on clinical features AND 2. Evidence of short stature/GF using criteria above. For GF due to chronic kidney disease: 1. Other causes of GF have been ruled out, AND 2. Evidence of short stature/GF using criteria above. For Small for Gestational Age: 1. Birth weight or length at least 2 SDs below the mean AND 2. Failure to reach catch-up growth by two years of age (height at least two SDS below the mean for age/sex). For Reauthorization for children (all diagnoses): 1. Evidence of improved growth AND 2. Evidence of open epiphyses</p>
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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INCRELEX

Products Affected

- Increlex

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Subjects with secondary forms of IGF-1 deficiency (e.g., GH deficiency, malnutrition, hypothyroidism, chronic treatment with pharmacologic doses of anti-inflammatory steroids). Concurrent use of growth hormone therapy. Malignant neoplasia
Required Medical Information	For severe primary IGF-1 deficiency all of the following criteria must be met: 1. Height standard deviation score of less than or equal to -3.0, 2. Basal IGF-1 standard deviation score of less than or equal to -3.0, 3. Normal or elevated growth hormone (GH) levels, AND 4. Documentation of open epiphyses by bone radiograph. For GH gene deletion: 1. Documentation of open epiphyses by bone radiograph AND 2. Patient has developed neutralizing antibodies to growth hormone. Reauthorization will require evidence that the medication remains effective, growth velocity is above 2.0 cm/year, evidence of open epiphyses, and documentation of expected adult height goal that is not yet obtained.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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ISTURISA/SIGNIFOR

Products Affected

- Isturisa oral tablet 1 mg, 5 mg
- Signifor

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization all of the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of endogenous Cushing's Disease AND 2. Documentation of one of the following: a. Patient has failed pituitary surgery OR b. Patient is not a candidate for surgery. Reauthorization requires documentation of positive clinical response to therapy (e.g., a clinically meaningful reduction in 24-hour urinary free cortisol levels, improvement in signs or symptoms of the disease).
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Part B Prerequisite	No

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KERENDIA

Products Affected

- Kerendia

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initiation of therapy, all the following must be met: 1. Patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes, AND 2. Patient has evidence of diabetic nephropathy, AND 3. Documentation that patient is on a maximally tolerated Angiotensin Converting Enzyme inhibitor (such as lisinopril) or an Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (such as losartan), unless all agents in these classes are contraindicated, AND 4. Documentation of trial, contraindication, or intolerance to a Sodium Glucose Co-transporter-2 inhibitor (such as empagliflozin or dapagliflozin).
Age Restrictions	Approved for patients 18 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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LIBERVANT

Products Affected

- Libervant

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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LIDOCAINE PATCH

Products Affected

- DermacinRx Lidocan
- lidocaine topical adhesive patch, medicated 5 %
- Lidocan III
- Lidocan IV
- Lidocan V
- Tridacaine
- Tridacaine II
- Tridacaine III
- Tridacaine XL

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	Confirmed diagnosis of post-herpetic neuralgia, cancer-related neuropathic pain, or diabetic peripheral neuropathy
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications, Some Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	Diabetic peripheral neuropathy and cancer-related neuropathic pain.
Part B Prerequisite	No

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LIVTENCITY

Products Affected

- Livtency

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Use in combination with ganciclovir or valganciclovir
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization, all of the following must be met: 1. Documentation of history of hematopoietic stem cell or solid organ transplant, and 2. Documentation of post-transplant cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection/disease with CMV DNA of 2730 IU/mL or greater in whole blood or 910 IU/mL or greater in plasma, and 3. Documentation that patient is refractory (with or without genotypic resistance), or has an intolerance or contraindication to, treatment with ganciclovir, valganciclovir, cidofovir, or foscarnet. Reauthorization requires documentation that continued therapy is medically necessary (such as incomplete resolution of clinical symptoms, incomplete virologic clearance, or relapse in CMV infection).
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a transplant surgeon, infectious disease specialist, oncologist, hematologist
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for eight weeks
Other Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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LODOCO

Products Affected

- Lodoco

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concurrent use of strong CYP3A4 or P-glycoprotein inhibitors Renal failure (CrCl less than 15 mL/min) Severe hepatic impairment Pre-existing blood dyscrasias
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization, patient must meet all of the following criteria: 1. Diagnosis of clinical Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD) or previous cardiovascular (CV) event 2. Documentation that patient is receiving maximally tolerated statin therapy or, if statin intolerant, other lipid-lowering therapy unless contraindicated or not tolerated 3. Documentation of blood pressure less than 130/80 or that patient is optimized on standard of care medications for high blood pressure unless contraindicated or not tolerated
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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LONG-ACTING OPIOIDS

Products Affected

- buprenorphine 50 mcg/hr, 75 mcg/hr
- fentanyl transdermal patch 72 hour • methadone oral solution
- 100 mcg/hr, 12 mcg/hr, 25 mcg/hr, • methadone oral tablet

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- Xtampza ER

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	1. As needed (prn) use, 2. For treatment of acute pain such as recent injury, sprain, strain, surgery, migraines, or headaches, 3. Concurrent use with another long-acting opioid
Required Medical Information	<p>For ALL requests, a treatment plan must exist that outlines current treatment regimen (including all opioids with daily dose and frequency, all non-opioid therapy, and/or non-pharmacological therapy), appropriate patient medical history, pertinent physical examination findings and prescriber attestation that a prescription for opioid rescue medication (e.g. naloxone, nalmeferne) has been given to the patient. In addition, patient must meet all the criteria under one of the patient-specific conditions listed below: A. For patients initiating long-acting opioid therapy for cancer pain, palliative care with a terminal diagnosis, sickle cell disease, or severe burns: 1. Documentation of active pain directly related to the condition(s) mentioned above, AND 2. Documentation that patient has inadequate response to "around-the-clock" short-acting opioid therapy within the past 30 days, AND 3. Documentation of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to long-acting morphine sulfate therapy. B. For patients established on long-acting opioid therapy for cancer pain, palliative care with a terminal diagnosis, sickle cell disease, or severe burns: 1. Improvement from baseline in pain control/level of functioning, no worsening of pain control, or patient is switching long-acting opioid products due to adverse effect or inadequate response, 2. Documentation of continued active pain directly related to the condition(s) mentioned above.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	<p>C. For patients initiating long-acting opioid therapy for chronic pain (other than cancer pain, palliative care, sickle cell disease, or severe burns): 1. Documentation of chronic pain (lasting longer than 3 months) that is severe enough to require around-the-clock analgesic therapy, 2. Documentation that within the past 30 days patient has had inadequate response to at least two weeks of consistent use of short-acting opioids, totaling at least 60 morphine milligram equivalents (MME) per day, 3. Documentation that the pain is not caused by a condition for which opioids are not recommended, including: fibromyalgia, abdominal pain, diabetic neuropathy, temporomandibular joint, headaches, migraines, pelvic pain syndrome, 4. No contraindications to opioids, including but not limited to: untreated substance use disorder, significant respiratory depression, hypercapnia, or central apnea GI obstruction or paralytic ileus, 5. Documentation of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to long-acting morphine sulfate therapy, 6. There is a pain management agreement and/or treatment/monitoring plan between the prescriber and patient that includes monitoring plans and functional goals that has been reviewed within the previous six months, 7. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) has been reviewed and no concerns for initiating long-acting opioid therapy were identified, AND 8. For fentanyl patch: Patient must be opioid-tolerant, defined as using at least 60 MME per day. D. For patients established on long-acting opioid therapy for chronic pain (other than</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
	<p>cancer pain, palliative care, sickle cell disease, or severe burns) all of the following criteria must be met: 1. Improvement from baseline in pain control/level of functioning, no worsening of pain control, or patient is switching long-acting opioid products due to adverse effect or inadequate response, 2. Appropriate monitoring (including review of PDMP) with no concerns for adverse events (such as no unmonitored dose escalation, no excess sedation, no signs of developing substance use disorder), 3. There is a pain management agreement and/or treatment/monitoring plan between the prescriber and patient that includes monitoring plans and functional goals that has been reviewed within the previous six months.</p>
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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LUPRON DEPOT

Products Affected

- leuprolide (3 month)
- leuprolide subcutaneous kit
- Lupron Depot
- Lupron Depot (3 month)
- Lupron Depot (4 month)
- Lupron Depot (6 Month)
- Lupron Depot-Ped (3 month) intramuscular syringe kit 11.25 mg
- Lupron Depot-Ped intramuscular kit 7.5 mg (Ped)
- Lupron Depot-Ped intramuscular syringe kit

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For oncological indications: Use must be for a FDA approved indication or indication supported by National Comprehensive Cancer Network guidelines with recommendation 2A or higher. For non-oncological indications: documentation of confirmed diagnosis.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Approved until no longer elig with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Part B Prerequisite	No

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MIFEPRISTONE

Products Affected

- mifepristone oral tablet 300 mg

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Current pregnancy
Required Medical Information	Initial authorization: 1. Documentation that the patient has hyperglycemia secondary to endogenous Cushing's Syndrome (defined as hypercortisolism that is not a result of chronic administration of high dose glucocorticoids), AND 2. Documentation that the patient has type 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance, AND 3. Documentation that the patient has failed surgery or is not a candidate for surgery. Reauthorization: Documentation that the patient has improved or stable glucose tolerance.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist.
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be approved for 6 months. Reauthorization will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Part B Prerequisite	No

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NEXLETOL/NEXLIZET

Products Affected

- Nexletol
- Nexlizet

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For Initial Authorization, all of the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, high risk of developing atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, or primary hyperlipidemia (defined as elevated lipid levels due to hereditary condition, such as familial hypercholesterolemia), 2. Fasting LDL-C greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL despite at least three months of treatment with the following, unless all are contraindicated/not tolerated: a. High-intensity statin therapy (defined as atorvastatin 80 mg daily or rosuvastatin 40 mg daily) AND b. Ezetimibe. Reauthorization requires documented response to therapy, defined as a reduction in fasting LDL-C from pre-treatment levels.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial auth approved for one year. Reauth will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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NUEDEXTA

Products Affected

- Nuedexta

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Current use, or use within the past 14 days, of monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) and patients diagnosed with a prolonged QT interval, congenital long QT syndrome, or a history suggesting torsades de pointes.
Required Medical Information	Authorization requires diagnosis of pseudobulbar affect (PBA).
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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NUPLAZID

Products Affected

- Nuplazid

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization, all the following must be met: 1. Diagnosis of Parkinson's disease with hallucinations and/or delusions causing clinically significant distress, with dementia-related psychosis ruled out AND 2. Patient able to self-report symptoms (such as hallucinations or distress) AND 3. Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to clozapine.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist, psychiatrist, or geriatrician.
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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OPZELURA

Products Affected

- Opzelura

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concurrent use with biologics, other Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors, or potent immunosuppressants

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization for atopic dermatitis, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis despite therapies outlined in criterion number. Mild to moderate atopic dermatitis may be defined as body surface area (BSA) involvement of 3% to 20%, 2. Documented trial and failure, contraindication, or hypersensitivity to both of the following: a. Moderate to high potency topical corticosteroid for at least two weeks and b. Topical calcineurin inhibitor (such as tacrolimus ointment) for at least one month. For reauthorization for atopic dermatitis: Documentation of reduction or stabilization from baseline of flares, pruritus, erythema, edema, xerosis, erosions/excoriation, oozing/crusting, lichenification or affected BSA. For initial authorization for nonsegmental vitiligo, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of nonsegmental vitiligo with depigmented areas affecting less than or equal to 10% total BSA, 2. Inadequate response to a 3 month trial of all of the following, unless contraindicated or not tolerated: a. Topical calcineurin inhibitor (such as tacrolimus) and b. Moderate to high potency topical corticosteroid (such as clobetasol or fluocinolone). For reauthorization for nonsegmental vitiligo: Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy, such as reduction in depigmented BSA.</p>
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a dermatologist, allergist, or immunologist
Coverage Duration	<p>Initial authorization will be approved for six months. Reauthorization will be approved for one year</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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ORENCIA

Products Affected

- Orenica
- Orenica ClickJect

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For patients already established on the requested therapy: 1. Documentation of response to therapy (i.e. slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) and 2. One of the following: a. Patient is not currently being treated with another biologic immunomodulator OR b. Patient is currently being treated with another biologic immunomodulator AND will discontinue the other biologic immunomodulator. For patients being initiated on therapy, all of the following criteria must be met: 1. Patient must have an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent, 2. One of the following: a. Patient is not currently being treated with another biologic immunomodulator OR b. Patient is currently being treated with another biologic immunomodulator AND will discontinue the other biologic immunomodulator prior to starting the requested agent, 3. Documentation of trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to preferred biologic agents, as follows: For patients 18 years of age or over, use of TWO preferred agents , (secukinumab, etanercept, adalimumab, apremilast, upadacitinib, risankizumab, ustekinumab, guselkumab) is required for diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis. For patients between 6 and less than 18 years of age, use of TWO preferred agents (secukinumab, upadacitinib) is required for diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis. For patients between 2 and less than 6 years of age, use of ONE preferred agent (upadacitinib) is required for diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis. Use of TWO preferred agents (etanercept, adalimumab, upadacitinib,) is required for diagnosis of</p>
	<p>rheumatoid arthritis. Use of TWO preferred agents (etanercept, adalimumab, upadacitinib) is required for diagnosis of juvenile idiopathic arthritis. NO preferred agent is required for diagnosis of prophylaxis of acute graft vs host disease.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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OSTEOANABOLIC AGENTS

Products Affected

- teriparatide subcutaneous pen injector 20 mcg/dose (620mcg/2.48mL)
- Tymlos

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For the treatment of osteoporosis, must meet ONE of the following criteria: a. High risk of fracture defined as one of the following: i. Spine or hip bone mineral density (BMD) T-score of less than -3.0, ii. Very high fracture probability as indicated by a FRAX (Fracture Risk Assessment) score for hip fracture of greater than 4.5% or other major osteoporotic fracture of greater than 30%, iii. Fracture History (defined as 1fracture within the last 12 months, fracture while on approved osteoporosis therapy, multiple fractures, fracture while on drugs causing skeletal harm (such as long-term glucocorticoids), iv. High risk of falls or history of injurious falls, OR b. Patient has documented failure to anti-resorptive therapy (e.g., denosumab, bisphosphonates), defined as a new fracture or worsening BMD while on therapy, unless both denosumab and bisphosphonate are contraindicated or not tolerated.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Coverage Duration	Teriparatide: Initial auth x 2 yrs, reauth x 1 yr. Other: Approved for 2 yrs in lifetime, no reauth.
Other Criteria	For authorization for teriparatide use exceeding two years in a lifetime, must meet both of the following criteria: 1. Documentation that previous treatment with teriparatide showed clinical improvement, defined as absence/decrease in frequency of new fragility fracture or stable/increased BMD T-score while on teriparatide 2. One of the following: a. Patient continues to be at very high risk for fracture, defined as one of the following while on teriparatide: i. BMD T-score continues to be less than or equal to -3.0 ii. New vertebral or fragility fracture b. Documentation of worsening disease, defined as one of the following: i. A repeat BMD after discontinuation of therapy demonstrates a decline in BMD ii. New onset fragility fracture after discontinuation
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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PCSK-9 INHIBITORS

Products Affected

- Repatha Pushtrex
- Repatha SureClick
- Repatha Syringe

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concomitant use with another PCSK9 inhibitor.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization, both criteria 1 and 2 must be met:</p> <p>1. One of the following: a. The patient has an inadequate response to a high-intensity statin (rosuvastatin 20-40 mg or atorvastatin 40-80 mg), b. The patient has an intolerance to TWO different statins, or c. The patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a statin, AND 2. Must meet listed criteria below for each specific diagnosis: a. Diagnosis of familial hypercholesterolemia and one of the following: i. Genetic confirmation of a mutation at the LDLR, Apo-B, PCSK9, or 1/LDLRAP1 gene, ii. History of LDL-C greater than 190 mg/dL (greater than 4.9 mmol/L) (pretreatment), iii. The patient has clinical manifestations of familial hypercholesterolemia (such as cutaneous xanthomas, tendon xanthomas, arcus cornea, tuberous xanthoma, or xanthelasma), iv. The patient has "definite" or "possible" familial hypercholesterolemia as defined by the Simon Broome criteria, v. The patient has a Dutch Lipid Clinic Network criteria score of greater than 5, vi. The patient has a treated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) level 100 mg/dL or greater after treatment with antihyperlipidemic agents but prior to PCSK9 inhibitor therapy, b. Diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease [angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, myocardial infarction, transient ischemic attacks, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease (PVD), history of coronary revascularization or carotid endarterectomy] AND the requested agent will be used to reduce the risk of myocardial infarction, stroke, and coronary revascularization, OR c. A diagnosis of primary</p>
	<p>hyperlipidemia (not associated with familial hypercholesterolemia or established cardiovascular disease). Reauthorization requires provider attestation of response to therapy, defined as a decrease in LDL-C levels from pre-treatment levels.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Medications must be prescribed by, or in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, and/or a physician who focuses in the treatment of cardiovascular risk management and/or lipid disorders
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization for one year. Reauth will be approved until no longer eligible with plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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PREVYMIS

Products Affected

- Prevymis oral tablet

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	One of the following criteria must be met: 1. Patient is using for prophylaxis of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) and all of the following: a. Patient is CMV seropositive and b. Attestation that therapy will be started within 28 days post-transplantation, c. One of the following: i. Patient is within 100 days post-transplant OR ii. Documentation is provided that patient is at high risk for late cytomegalovirus infection and disease and patient is within 200 days post-transplant, 2. Patient is using for prophylaxis of CMV disease after kidney transplant and all of the following: a. Patient is at high risk, defined as CMV seropositive Donor in a Recipient that is CMV seronegative (D+/R-), b. Attestation that therapy will be started within seven (7) days post-transplantation, and c. Patient is within 200 days post transplant.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a hematologist, nephrologist, oncologist, transplant specialist, or infectious disease specialist.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved for 200 days post-transplantation.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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PROMACTA

Products Affected

- Promacta

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initiation of therapy, must meet the following indication-specific criteria: 1. For myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS): use must be for an FDA approved indication or indication supported by National Comprehensive Cancer Network guidelines with recommendation 2A or higher, 2. For Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), all the following criteria (a-c) must be met: a. Diagnosis of chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), b. Platelet count of less than 30,000 cells per microliter, AND c. Treatment with at least one of the following therapies was ineffective or not tolerated, unless all are contraindicated: i. Systemic corticosteroids, ii. Immune globulin, iii. Splenectomy, iv. Rituximab, 3. For Severe Aplastic Anemia, documentation that the patient is at risk for bleeding with a platelet count of less than 30,000 cells per microliter, 4. Thrombocytopenia due to chronic Hepatitis C. For patients established on therapy, must meet indication-specific criteria below: 1. For MDS: documentation of improved platelet levels from baseline, 2. For ITP, severe aplastic anemia or Hepatitis C: a. Documentation of improved platelet levels from baseline AND b. Documentation the continued therapy is medically necessary to maintain a platelet count of at least 50,000 cells per microliter.</p>
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	<p>Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with an oncologist, hematologist, infectious disease specialist, gastroenterologist, or hepatologist.</p>
Coverage Duration	<p>Initial authorization will be approved for 6 months. Reauthorization will be approved for 12 months.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications, Some Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	Myelodysplastic syndromes.
Part B Prerequisite	No

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PULMONARY ANTIHYPERTENSIVES

Products Affected

- Adempas tablet
- Alyq
- ambrisentan
- bosentan
- sildenafil (pulm.hypertension) oral
- tadalafil (pulm. hypertension)
- Winrevair subcutaneous kit 45 mg, 60 mg

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Pulmonary hypertension associated with idiopathic interstitial pneumonia for riociguat (Adempas®) only, Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis for ambrisentan only

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization the following criteria must be documented: 1. Diagnosis of Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) confirmed by right heart catheterization, as defined by the following: a. Mean pulmonary artery pressure (mPAP) greater than or equal to 20 mmHg at rest, b. Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) greater than 3 Wood units (WU), 2. Patient has documentation of World Health Organization (WHO) Group 1 classification PH (defined by a pulmonary capillary wedge pressure [PCWP] or left ventricular end diastolic pressure [LVEDP] less than or equal to 15 mmHg), or WHO Group 4 classification CTEPH (for Adempas only), with WHO/New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional class II, III, or IV, (class II or III for Winrevair only) 3. For Winrevair: a. Patient is currently established on two other pulmonary arterial hypertension agents, unless not tolerated or contraindicated, b. Medication will be used as add-on therapy in combination with at least two other pulmonary arterial hypertension agents, unless not tolerated or contraindicated c. Platelet count greater than or equal to 50,000/mm³. Reauthorization requires documentation of response to therapy including lack of disease progression or improvement in WHO functional class, and the following drug-specific criteria, if applicable: 1. Winrevair only: i. Medication will be used as add-on therapy in combination with at least two other pulmonary arterial hypertension agents, unless not tolerated or contraindicated ii. Platelet count greater than or equal to 50,000/mm³ .</p>
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a pulmonologist or cardiologist

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Coverage Duration	Winrevair: initial 6 months, reauth 1 year. Others: approve until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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PULMONARY FIBROSIS AGENTS

Products Affected

- Ofev
- pirfenidone oral capsule
- pirfenidone oral tablet 801 mg

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>Initial authorization: For Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) 1. Diagnosis of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis a. Note: Confirmed by exclusion of other known causes of interstitial lung disease (ILD) such as domestic and occupational environmental exposures, drug toxicity, or connective tissue disease AND 2. Presence of a histological pattern associated with usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) on high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) or histological pattern of probable or indeterminate UIP and diagnosis is supported by lung biopsy. For Systemic Sclerosis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease (SSc-ILD) (nintedanib only): 1. Confirmed diagnosis of systemic sclerosis AND 2. Presence of ILD confirmed by evidence of pulmonary fibrosis on HRCT tomography. For other chronic fibrosing interstitial lung diseases with a progressive phenotype (nintedanib only): 1. Presence of ILD confirmed by evidence of pulmonary fibrosis on HRCT tomography AND 2. One (1) of the following criteria: a. Relative decline in FVC of at least 10% of predicted value (as reported by spirometry performed on two different dates within the last two years) b. Relative decline in FVC of at least 5% of predicted value combined with worsening of respiratory symptoms c. Relative decline in FVC of at least 5% of predicted value combined with increased extent of fibrotic changes on chest imaging d. Increased extent of fibrotic changes on chest imaging combined with worsening of respiratory symptoms e. Increased fibrotic changes on HRCT.</p> <p>Reauthorization: Documentation of positive clinical</p>
	<p>response to therapy, such as slowed rate or lack of declining lung function (e.g., FVC, DLCO) and improved or stable respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, dyspnea).</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	For SSc-ILD only: Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or rheumatologist. For all other indications: Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be approved for 6 months. Reauthorization will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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QUININE

Products Affected

- quinine sulfate

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	Documentation of confirmed diagnosis of malaria, babesiosis or an indication that is supported by CMS-approved compendia.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	30 days
Other Criteria	
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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RESPIRATORY AGENTS-FASENRA

Products Affected

- Fasenra
- Fasenra Pen

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concurrent use with another therapeutic immunomodulator agent utilized for the same indication

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization for asthma, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of severe eosinophilic asthma, 2. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue asthma control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/contraindication to standard asthma control therapy. Asthma control therapy may include inhaled corticosteroids (ICS), ICS with long-acting beta agonist (ICS/LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA), and/or theophylline. 3. Documentation of severe asthma with inadequate control such as frequent exacerbations requiring oral corticosteroids or hospitalizations or a poor asthma control scores (An ACT score less than 20 or an ACQ greater than or equal to 1.5). Reauthorization for asthma: 1. Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy, such as attainment and maintenance of remission or decrease in number of relapses, 2. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue asthma control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/contraindication to standard asthma control therapy (e.g., ICS, ICS/LABA, LRTA, LAMA, theophylline). For initial authorization for eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA): 1. Diagnosis of EGPA defined as blood eosinophil level of at least 10% or an absolute eosinophil count of more than 1000 cells/microliter, 2. The patient is currently being treated with maximally tolerated oral corticosteroid, unless intolerance/contraindication to oral corticosteroids.</p>
	<p>Reauthorization for EGPA: 1. Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy and 2. The patient is currently being treated with maximally tolerated oral corticosteroid, unless intolerance/contraindication to oral corticosteroids.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Medications must be prescribed by, or in consultation with the following specialists based on the diagnosis: Asthma: asthma specialist (such as a pulmonologist, immunologist, or allergist). EGPA: pulmonologist, neurologist, or rheumatologist
Coverage Duration	Asthma: Initial 1 yr/reauth until no longer elig with plan. EGPA: Initial 6 mo/reauth 1yr.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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RESPIRATORY AGENTS-NUCALA

Products Affected

- Nucala

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concurrent use with another therapeutic immunomodulator agent utilized for the same indication
Required Medical Information	<p>For initial authorization for asthma, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of severe eosinophilic asthma, 2. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue asthma control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/contraindication to standard asthma control therapy. Asthma control therapy may include inhaled corticosteroids (ICS), ICS with long-acting beta agonist (ICS/LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA), and/or theophylline. 3. Documentation of severe asthma with inadequate control such as frequent exacerbations requiring oral corticosteroids or hospitalizations or a poor asthma control scores (An ACT score less than 20 or an ACQ greater than or equal to 1.5). Reauthorization for asthma: 1. Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy, such as attainment and maintenance of remission or decrease in number of relapses, 2. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue asthma control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/contraindication to standard asthma control therapy (e.g., ICS, ICS/LABA, LRTA, LAMA, theophylline).</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Medications must be prescribed by, or in consultation with the following specialists based on the diagnosis: 1. Asthma: asthma specialist (such as a pulmonologist, immunologist, or allergist), 2. EGPA: pulmonologist, neurologist, or rheumatologist, 3. HES: hematologist, immunologist, pulmonologist, cardiologist, or neurologist, 4. CRSwNP: otolaryngologist, allergist, or pulmonologist.
Coverage Duration	EGPA/HES/CRSwNP: Initial 6 mo/reauth 1 yr. Asthma: Initial 1 yr/reauth until no longer elig with plan

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	<p>For initial authorization for hypereosinophilic syndrome (HES): 1. Diagnosis of HES (blood eosinophil count of 1,000 cells/microliter or higher for at least six months), without an identifiable non-hematologic secondary cause (such as parasitic infections, solid tumors, or T cell lymphoma), 2. The patient is currently being treated with maximally tolerated oral corticosteroid, unless intolerance/contraindication to oral corticosteroids. Reauthorization for HES: 1. Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy and 2. The patient is currently being treated with maximally tolerated oral corticosteroid, unless intolerance/contraindication to oral corticosteroids. For initial authorization for eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA): 1. Diagnosis of EGPA defined as blood eosinophil level of at least 10% or an absolute eosinophil count of more than 1000 cells/microliter, 2. The patient is currently being treated with maximally tolerated oral corticosteroid, unless intolerance/contraindication to oral corticosteroids. Reauthorization for EGPA: 1. Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy and 2. The patient is currently being treated with maximally tolerated oral corticosteroid, unless intolerance/contraindication to oral corticosteroids. For initial authorization for Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyp (CRSwNP): 1. Evidence of nasal polyposis by direct examination, endoscopy or sinus CT scan and 2. Inadequate response to a three-month trial of intranasal corticosteroids (e.g., fluticasone) or has an intolerance,</p>
	<p>FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to an intranasal corticosteroid. Reauthorization for CRSwNP requires documentation of positive clinical response to therapy.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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RESPIRATORY AGENTS-XOLAIR

Products Affected

- Xolair

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concurrent use with another therapeutic immunomodulator agent utilized for the same indication
Required Medical Information	<p>For asthma, must meet all the following criteria: 1. Diagnosis of moderate or severe persistent asthma, 2. Positive skin test to common perennial aeroallergens, 3. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue asthma control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/ contraindication to standard asthma control therapy. Asthma control therapy may include inhaled corticosteroids (ICS), ICS with long-acting beta agonist (ICS/LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA), and/or theophylline, 4. Documentation of severe asthma with inadequate control such as frequent exacerbations requiring oral corticosteroids or hospitalizations or a poor asthma control scores (An ACT score less than 20 or an ACQ greater than or equal to 1.5). Reauthorization for asthma requires: 1. Documentation of response to therapy, such as attainment and maintenance of remission or decrease in number of relapses and 2. The patient is currently being treated with, and will continue asthma control therapy in combination with the requested agent, or has an intolerance/ contraindication to standard asthma control therapy (e.g., ICS, ICS/LABA, LRTA, LAMA, theophylline).</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Medications must be prescribed by, or in consultation with the following specialists based on the diagnosis. 1. Asthma: asthma specialist (such as a pulmonologist, immunologist, or allergist), 2. Urticaria: dermatologist, allergist, or immunologist, 3. nasal polyps: otolaryngologist, allergist, or pulmonologist, 4. IgE-mediated food allergy: allergist, immunologist.
Coverage Duration	Asthma: Init 1yr/reauth until no longer elig with plan. Others: Init 6mo/reauth 1yr

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	<p>For initial authorization for chronic idiopathic urticaria, must meet all the following criteria: 1. Documentation that the condition is idiopathic and that secondary causes of urticaria (e.g. offending allergens, physical contact, etc.) have been ruled out, 2. Inadequate response, intolerance, or contraindication to H1 antihistamine. Reauthorization for urticaria will require documentation of response to therapy (e.g. reduction in flares or oral steroid dose). For initial authorization for nasal polyps, all the following: 1. Evidence of nasal polyposis by direct examination, endoscopy or sinus CT scan, 2. Inadequate response to a three-month trial of intranasal corticosteroids (e.g., fluticasone) or has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to an intranasal corticosteroid. Reauthorization for nasal polyps: Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy. For initial authorization for IgE-mediated food allergy, must meet all the following criteria: 1. The patient is using the requested agent for the reduction of allergic reactions (Type I), including anaphylaxis, that may occur with accidental exposure to one or more foods, 2. IgE-mediated food allergy has been confirmed by an allergy diagnostic test (e.g., skin prick test, serum specific IgE test, oral food challenge), 3. The patient will avoid known food allergens while treated with the requested agent, 4. The requested agent will NOT be used for the emergency treatment of allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. Reauthorization for IgE-mediated food allergy requires: 1. Documentation of positive response to therapy, 2. The</p>
	<p>patient will avoid known food allergens while treated with the requested agent, 3. The requested agent will NOT be used for the emergency treatment of allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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SOMAVERT

Products Affected

- Somavert

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization all of the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of acromegaly, 2. Documentation that the patient has persistent disease (e.g., biochemical or clinical) following surgical resection or patient is ineligible for surgery, AND 3. Documentation of trial and failure, intolerance or contraindication to octreotide injection therapy. Reauthorization requires documentation of a positive response to therapy, such as a decrease or normalization of insulin like growth factor (IGF)-1.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Part B Prerequisite	No

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SPRAVATO

Products Affected

- Spravato nasal spray, non-aerosol
56 mg (28 mg x 2), 84 mg (28 mg x 3)

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Concomitant use with another dissociative agent, specifically phencyclidine (PCP), ketamine, or dextromethorphan• Aneurysmal vascular disease (including thoracic and abdominal aorta, intracranial, and peripheral arterial vessels) or arteriovenous malformation• History of intracerebral hemorrhage• Current or prior DSM-5 diagnosis of a psychotic disorder or MDD with psychosis, bipolar or related disorders, comorbid obsessive-compulsive disorder, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, borderline personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, histrionic personality disorder, or narcissistic personality disorder• Current or recent history (i.e. within the last six months) of moderate or severe substance or alcohol use disorder

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For initiation of therapy, all the following criteria (1-4) must be met: 1. Confirmed diagnosis of one of the following (a or b): a. Treatment-resistant depression (TRD), defined as use of BOTH of the following regimens for the current depressive episode (clinical documentation must be provided that outlines the patient evaluation): i. Inadequate response to at least three oral antidepressants in two different therapeutic classes for at least eight weeks of treatment at a therapeutic dose for major depressive disorder (MDD) AND ii. Inadequate response to augmentation therapy (i.e., two antidepressants with different mechanisms of action used concomitantly or an antidepressant and a second-generation antipsychotic, lithium, thyroid hormone, or anticonvulsant used concomitantly), b. MDD with acute suicidal ideation or behavior, defined as BOTH of the following (clinical documentation must be provided that outlines the patient evaluation): i. Patient has thoughts about suicide, or thoughts of self-harm with at least some intent or awareness that they may die as a result and ii. Patient intends to act on thoughts of killing themselves, 2. Baseline score from one of the following standardized depression rating scales confirming severe depression: a. Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) score of at least 20, b. Hamilton Depression Scale (HAM-D17) score of at least 24, c. Quick Inventory of Depressive Symptomatology, Clinician-Rated (QIDS-C16) score of at least 16, or d. Montgomery Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS) total score of at least 28, 3. For MDD</p>
	<p>with acute suicidal ideation or behavior: Documentation that esketamine (Spravato) will be used in combination with oral antidepressant therapy, 4. Dosing is in accordance with the United States Food and Drug Administration approved labeling.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	Approved for 18 years and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a psychiatrist or a psychiatric nurse practitioner.
Coverage Duration	For MDD with suicidal ideation/behavior: 4 weeks. All others: until no longer eligible
Other Criteria	NOTE: For MDD with suicidal ideation or behavior, initial authorization will be approved for four weeks. Reauthorization requests for MDD with acute suicidal ideation or behavior will not be covered. Patient must meet criteria for initiation of therapy in TRD.
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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TADALAFIL

Products Affected

- tadalafil oral tablet 2.5 mg, 5 mg

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Use for sexual dysfunction without comorbid diagnosis of benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH)
Required Medical Information	Documentation of confirmed diagnosis of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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THERAPEUTIC IMMUNOMODULATORS

Products Affected

- Cosentyx (2 Syringes)
- Cosentyx Pen
- Cosentyx Pen (2 Pens)
- Cosentyx subcutaneous
- Cosentyx UnoReady Pen
- Enbrel Mini
- Enbrel subcutaneous solution
- Enbrel subcutaneous syringe
- Enbrel SureClick
- Hadlima
- Hadlima PushTouch
- Hadlima(CF)
- Hadlima(CF) PushTouch
- Humira Pen
- Humira subcutaneous syringe kit 40 mg/0.8 mL
- Humira(CF)
- Humira(CF) Pen
- Humira(CF) Pen Crohns-UC-HS
- Humira(CF) Pen Pediatric UC
- Humira(CF) Pen Psor-Uv-Adol HS
- Otezla
- Otezla Starter oral tablets, dose pack 10 mg (4)- 20 mg (51), 10 mg (4)-20 mg (4)-30 mg (47)
- Rinvoq
- Rinvoq LQ
- Simlandi(CF)
- Simlandi(CF) Autoinjector
- Skyrizi subcutaneous pen injector
- Skyrizi subcutaneous syringe 150 mg/mL
- Skyrizi subcutaneous wearable injector
- Stelara subcutaneous
- Tremfya Pen subcutaneous pen injector 200 mg/2 mL
- Tremfya subcutaneous

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For patients already established on the requested therapy: 1. Documentation of response to therapy (i.e. slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency), AND 2. One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Patient is not currently being treated with another therapeutic immunomodulator, OR b. Patient is currently being treated with another therapeutic immunomodulator AND will discontinue the other therapeutic immunomodulator. <p>For patients being initiated on therapy, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Patient must have an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent, AND 2. For Rinvoq (except in atopic dermatitis): Documentation of trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to a preferred TNF agent (see notes below), AND 3. Documentation of trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to conventional therapy prerequisite(s) for the requested indication (see notes below), AND 4. One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Patient is not currently being treated with another therapeutic immunomodulator, OR b. Patient is currently being treated with another therapeutic immunomodulator AND will discontinue the other therapeutic immunomodulator prior to starting the requested agent.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial auth approved for 1 year. Reauth will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan
Other Criteria	UNDER CMS REVIEW
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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TOPICAL RETINOID PRODUCTS

Products Affected

- adapalene topical cream
- tazarotene topical cream
- tazarotene topical gel
- tretinoin

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Cosmetic use
Required Medical Information	
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year
Other Criteria	
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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VERQUVO

Products Affected

- Verquvo

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For chronic heart failure, all of the following criteria must be met: 1. Documentation of symptomatic heart failure (NYHA Class II-IV) with a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than 45%, and 2. On maximally tolerated guideline-directed therapy including both of the following, unless contraindicated or not tolerated: a. Beta-blocker (specifically carvedilol, metoprolol succinate, or bisoprolol), b. One of the following: i. Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor (such as lisinopril, enalapril), ii. Angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB) (such as losartan, valsartan), iii. Angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor (ARNI) (sacubitril/valsartan), unless not tolerated or contraindicated, and 3. Documentation of clinical worsening of heart failure, defined as one of the following, despite maximal therapy as outlined above: a. Hospitalization for heart failure within the previous six months, b. Need for outpatient intravenous diuretic therapy within the previous three months.
Age Restrictions	Approved for adults 18 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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VIJOICE

Products Affected

- Vijoice

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	For PIK3CA-related overgrowth spectrum (PROS), all the following criteria must be met: 1. Confirmed diagnosis, defined by all the following: a. Presence of somatic PIK3CA mutation, b. Congenital or early childhood onset, c. Overgrowth is sporadic and mosaic (other terms: patchy, irregular), AND d. Clinical features as described by one of the following: i. Spectrum features, defined as overgrowth (adipose, muscle, nerve, skeletal) and vascular malformations (capillary, venous, arteriovenous malformations, lymphatic OR ii. Isolated features, defined as one of the following: large isolated lymphatic malformation, isolated macrodactyly or overgrown splayed feet/hands, overgrown limbs, truncal adipose overgrowth, hemimegalencephaly (bilateral)/dysplastic megalencephaly/focal cortical dysplasia, epidermal nevus (localized lesions of epidermal thickening with hyperpigmentation that are present at birth or develop early during childhood), seborrheic keratoses, benign lichenoid keratoses, 2. Patient has at least one target lesion identified on imaging (this may be waived for patients established on therapy), AND 3. Patient's condition is severe/life-threatening and treatment is deemed necessary as determined by the treating physician. Reauthorization requires documentation of positive response to therapy, such as reduction in the sum of measurable target lesion volume.
Age Restrictions	Approved for patients 2 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist in treating PROS.
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be approved for six months. Reauthorization will be approved for one year

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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VMAT-2 INHIBITORS

Products Affected

- tetrabenazine

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For chorea associated with Huntington disease, the diagnosis must be confirmed by all the following: 1. DNA testing showing CAG expansion of 36 or higher, 2. Family history (if known), and 3. Classic presentation (choreiform movements, psychiatric problems, and dementia). For tardive dyskinesia, all of the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia secondary to therapy with a dopamine receptor blocking agent (e.g., first or second generation antipsychotics, metoclopramide) AND 2. Documentation of tardive dyskinesia that is causing functional impairment. Reauthorization for all indications requires documentation of positive clinical response to therapy, such as improved function.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist or psychiatrist
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be approved for 3 months. Reauthorization will be approved for 1 year.
Other Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Indications	All Medically-accepted Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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VOWST

Products Affected

- Vowst

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Treatment of CDI
Required Medical Information	Authorization for the prevention of recurrence of Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI) requires all the following criteria be met: 1. Confirmed diagnosis of recurrent CDI, defined as two or more recurrences after a primary episode (greater than or equal to three total CDI episodes) within 12 months, and 2. Positive stool test for C. difficile within 30 days before prior authorization request, and 3. Member has completed, or will have completed, an appropriate antibiotic treatment regimen for recurrent CDI prior to administration (either oral vancomycin or oral fidaxomicin for 10-21 days), and 4. Current episode of CDI must be controlled (less than three unformed/loose stools/day for two consecutive days)
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by or in consultation with an infectious disease specialist or gastroenterology specialist
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved for one treatment course (30 days)
Other Criteria	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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WAKEFULNESS PROMOTING AGENT - WAKIX

Products Affected

- Wakix

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization, both 1 and 2 must be met: 1. Diagnosis of narcolepsy must be confirmed by all the following: a. Sleep study testing or low orexin/hypocretin levels on a cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) assay (less than 110 pg/mL or less than one-third of the normative values with the same standardized assay), b. Documentation of daily periods of irrepressible need to sleep or daytime lapses into sleep occurring for at least three months, c. Other causes of sleepiness have been ruled out or treated (such as obstructive sleep apnea, shift work, effects of substances or medications or their withdrawal, other sleep disorders), AND 2. One of the following: a. For treatment of excessive daytime sleepiness in narcolepsy, documentation of inadequate response (after three months of therapy), intolerance, or contraindication to (i) modafinil or armodafinil and (ii) For members 18 years and older, solriamfetol (Sunosi) OR b. Documentation of a diagnosis of cataplexy. Reauthorization requires documentation of successful response to the medication, such as a reduction in symptoms of excessive daytime sleepiness or reduction in frequency of cataplexy attacks, if applicable.
Age Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a sleep specialist, neurologist, pulmonologist, or psychiatrist
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be approved for 6 months. Reauthorization will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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WAKEFULNESS PROMOTING AGENT-SUNOSI

Products Affected

- Sunosi

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	Idiopathic central nervous system hypersomnia
Required Medical Information	<p>For excessive daytime sleepiness in narcolepsy, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of narcolepsy as confirmed by sleep study or low orexin/hypocretin levels on a cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) assay (less than 110 pg/mL or less than one third of the normative values with the same standardized assay), 2. Documentation of daily periods of irrepressible need to sleep/daytime lapses into sleep occurring for at least three (3) months, 3. Other causes of sleepiness have been ruled out or treated (such as shift work, effects of substances or medications or their withdrawal, other sleep disorders), 4. For adult patients: documentation of a 30-day trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to modafinil or armodafinil. For excessive sleepiness due to Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), all the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of OSA as confirmed by sleep study and 2. Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication of armodafinil or modafinil. Reauthorization for all indications requires documentation of successful response to the medication, such as a reduction in symptoms of excessive daytime sleepiness.</p>
Age Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a sleep specialist, neurologist, pulmonologist, or psychiatrist
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization will be approved for 6 months. Reauthorization will be approved for one year.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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XDEM VY

Products Affected

- Xdemvy

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization: Documentation of acquired Demodex blepharitis (defined as presence of Demodex mites). For reauthorization: Documentation of positive response to therapy (such as improvement of collarette, and reduction of mites)
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an optometrist or ophthalmologist
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for three months.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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XERMELO

Products Affected

- Xermelo

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initial authorization, all the following criteria must be met: 1. Diagnosis of carcinoid syndrome diarrhea, 2. Inadequately controlled diarrhea despite use, for at least three months, of a long-acting somatostatin analog therapy such as octreotide LAR (Sandostatin LAR), and 3. Documentation that long-acting somatostatin analog therapy will be used in combination with the requested medication. Reauthorization will require documentation of positive clinical response to therapy.
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization and reauthorization will be approved for one year
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Part B Prerequisite	No

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XIAFLEX

Products Affected

- Xiaflex

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PD involving the urethra.• More than three total injections per affected cord for DC.• More than eight total injections per lifetime for PD.

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Required Medical Information	<p>For Dupuytren's contracture (DC):1. Both of the following diagnostic criteria:a. Finger flexion contracture of at least 20° with a palpable cord in a metacarpophalangeal (MP) joint or proximal interphalangeal (PIP) jointb. Documentation of a positive "table top test," defined as the inability to simultaneously place the affected finger(s) and palm flat against a table top2. Documentation that affected joint has not had surgical intervention within the previous 90 days</p> <p>For Peyronie's disease (PD):1. Patient's disease is stable, defined as unchanged degree of curvature for at least three months2. Patient has a curvature of the penis that is between 30 and 90 degrees with a palpable cord, or a cord that is documented through ultrasound3. Patient has intact erectile function, with or without the use of medications4. Documentation of a functional impairment that is expected to improve with treatment (e.g., inability to have intercourse despite intact erectile function, due to curvature)5. Documentation showing the patient does not have any of the following:a. Significant pain with palpation of the plaqueb. Lack of full erectile response to prostaglandin E1 during curvature measurementc. Ventral curvatured. Calcified plaquee. Plaque located proximal to the base of the penis6. Documentation that the patient has been counseled on expectations of treatment (e.g., expected average curvature reduction is 17 degrees without reduction in pain or erectile dysfunction, potential for adverse effects)</p> <p>Reauthorization Criteria:For DC:1. Documentation of fewer than three total injections in affected cord.</p>
	<p>PD1. Documentation that the curvature of the penis remains greater than 15 degrees. Limited to eight total injections per lifetime.</p>

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Age Restrictions	Approved for 18 years and older
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	DC: Init/reauth 3 mo (limit 3 inj, NTE 6 inj/cord), PD: Init/reauth 3/6 mo (limit 4 inj, NTE 8 inj)
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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XIFAXAN

Products Affected

- Xifaxan

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	More than 3 treatment courses in a rolling 6-month period for IBS-D
Required Medical Information	For traveler's diarrhea (200 mg tablets): 1. Confirmation of traveler's diarrhea caused by noninvasive strains of Escherichia coli., 2. Documentation that diarrhea that is NOT complicated by fever or blood in stool, AND 3. Documentation of trial, contraindication, or intolerance to azithromycin or fluoroquinolones. For hepatic encephalopathy (HE), the 550 mg tablets will be covered if the following criteria are met: 1. Documentation of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to lactulose AND 2. Documentation that rifaximin will be used in combination with lactulose therapy (unless not tolerated or contraindicated). For irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) with or without small intestinal bacterial growth (SIBO), the 550 mg tablets will be covered (550 mg tablets) if there is documentation of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to a tricyclic antidepressant (e.g., amitriptyline). Reauthorization in IBS-D requires documentation of initial response to treatment with rifaximin and recurrence of IBS-D symptoms. Limited to three (3) total 14-day course treatments (initial treatment and two reauthorizations).
Age Restrictions	

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Prescriber Restrictions	For irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D): Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a gastroenterologist.
Coverage Duration	Traveler's diarrhea: 3 days, IBS-D: 14 days, HE: until no longer eligible with the plan
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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ZTALMY

Products Affected

- Ztalmy

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	For initiation of therapy, all the following criteria must be met:1. Diagnosis of CDKL5 deficiency disorder (CDD) as confirmed with genetic testing AND 2. Documented trial and failure of at least two antiepileptic drugs
Age Restrictions	
Prescriber Restrictions	Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an epilepsy specialist or neurologist
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be approved until no longer eligible with the plan.
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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ZURZUVAE

Products Affected

- Zurzuvae

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Exclusion Criteria	• Past medical history of bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, or schizoaffective disorder • Current pregnancy
Required Medical Information	Initial Authorization: 1. Diagnosis of moderate to severe major depressive disorder with documentation or provider attestation that depressive symptoms began between the third trimester of pregnancy to the first four weeks following delivery 2. Patient is within the first twelve months postpartum 3. Submission of validated screening tool results (for example, HAM-D, PHQ-9, MADRS) confirming diagnosis 4. Member has not received prior treatment with Zurzuvae for the current pregnancy 5. Patient has tried and failed a formulary generic selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) or serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI) for the current episode of postpartum depression (after 4-6 weeks at an adequate dose), or has an intolerance/contraindication to all SSRIs/SNRIs. This requirement may be waived in cases of severe postpartum depression
Age Restrictions	Ages 18 years and older
Prescriber Restrictions	
Coverage Duration	One month (one 14-day fill) per pregnancy

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PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Other Criteria	
Indications	All FDA-approved Indications.
Off Label Uses	
Part B Prerequisite	No

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