

Gateway Health
Prior Authorization Criteria
Zyvox (linezolid oral)

All requests for Zyvox (linezolid oral) require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

Zyvox (linezolid oral) Prior Authorization Criteria:

For all requests for Zyvox (linezolid) oral all of the following criteria must be met:

- The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines
- If member is requests a continuation of therapy from hospital discharge, chart documentation of intended treatment duration must be provided. Zyvox will be approved for the remaining duration of treatment.

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) skin and soft tissue infections and the following criteria is met:

- Must provide documentation of one of the following:
 - Culture and sensitivity reports confirming purulent MRSA
 - Suspected MRSA due to:
 - Chart information describing infection is severe and purulent
 - Treatment failure with a previous trial of penicillin antibiotic
 - Member has risk factors for multi-drug resistant bacteria, which include:
 - Resident of a long-term care facility
 - Uncontrolled diabetes
 - History of recurrent infections to the same site as the current request
 - Cystic fibrosis with pulmonary manifestations
- Must provide documentation of the following:
 - Member has tried and failed (which will be verified via pharmacy claims if available), has an intolerance, has a contraindication, or has culture and sensitivity reports demonstrating resistance to all of the following:
 - Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
 - Clindamycin
 - Minocycline
 - Doxycycline
 - If a culture and sensitivity report is provided, it must also show sensitivity to linezolid
- **Duration of Approval:** 14 days

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of Methicillin-Susceptible Staphylococcus Aureus (MSSA) skin and soft tissue infections and the following criteria is met:

- Must provide documentation of the following:

- Member has tried and failed (which will be verified via pharmacy claims if available) has an intolerance, has a contraindication, or has culture and sensitivity reports demonstrating resistance to all of the following:
 - Penicillins
 - Clindamycin
 - Cephalexin
 - Doxycycline
 - Minocycline
 - Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
- If a culture and sensitivity report is provided, it must also show sensitivity to linezolid
- **Duration of Approval:** 14 days

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus (VRE) infections and the following criteria is met:

- Must provide documentation of one of the following:
 - Confirmed VRE based on culture and sensitivity reports
 - Suspected VRE based on recent course of vancomycin and no clinical improvement with or without clinical improvement from intravenous linezolid
- **Duration of Approval:** 28 days

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of osteomyelitis and the following criteria is met:

- Must provide documentation of one of the following:
 - Member has tried and failed (which will be verified via pharmacy claims if available), has an intolerance, has a contraindication, or has culture and sensitivity reports demonstrating resistance to all of the following:
 - Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
 - Clindamycin
 - If a culture and sensitivity report is provided, it must also show sensitivity to linezolid
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** Benefit approved for the requested duration. Treatment is generally a minimum of 8 weeks as per clinical guideline.
- **Reauthorization criteria**
 - Must provide chart documentation of clinical improvement
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** Benefit approved for the requested duration.

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of pneumonia and the following criteria is met:

- Must provide culture and sensitivity report demonstrating sensitivity to linezolid
- **Duration of Approval:** 21 days

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of endocarditis and the following criteria is met:

- Must provide culture and sensitivity report demonstrating sensitivity to linezolid
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** Benefit approved for the requested duration. Treatment is generally a minimum of 6 weeks as per clinical guideline.
- **Reauthorization criteria**
 - Must provide chart documentation of clinical improvement

- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** Benefit approved for the requested duration.

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of septic arthritis and the following criteria is met:

- Must provide culture and sensitivity report demonstrating sensitivity to linezolid
- **Duration of Approval:** 28 days

Coverage may be provided for any non-FDA labeled indication if it is determined that the use is a medically accepted indication supported by nationally recognized pharmacy compendia or peer-reviewed medical literature for treatment of the diagnosis(es) for which it is prescribed. These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine medical necessity.

When criteria are not met, the request will be forwarded to a Medical Director for review. The physician reviewer must override criteria when, in their professional judgment, the requested medication is medically necessary.

**LINEZOLID (ZYVOX)
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Please complete and fax all requested information below including any progress notes, laboratory test results, or chart documentation as applicable to Gateway HealthSM Pharmacy Services. **FAX:** (888) 245-2049

If needed, you may call to speak to a Pharmacy Services Representative.

PHONE: (800) 392-1147 Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm

PROVIDER INFORMATION

Requesting Provider:	NPI:
Provider Specialty:	Office Contact:
Office Address:	Office Phone:
	Office Fax:

MEMBER INFORMATION

Member Name:	DOB:
Gateway ID:	Member weight: _____ pounds or _____ kg

REQUESTED DRUG INFORMATION

Medication:	Strength:
Frequency:	Duration:
Is the member currently receiving requested medication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date Medication Initiated:	
Is this medication being used for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Billing Information

This medication will be billed: <input type="checkbox"/> at a pharmacy OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> medically (if medically please provide a JCODE: _____)	
Place of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Provider's office <input type="checkbox"/> Member's home <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Place of Service Information

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)

- Member's Diagnosis: _____
- Has the infection been confirmed with culture and sensitivity reports? (If yes, please provide them).
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If not confirmed, is MRSA skin and soft tissue infection suspected due to:
 - Severity and purulence
 - Treatment failure with a previous trial of penicillin antibiotic
 - Risk of multi-drug resistant bacteria due to uncontrolled diabetes, residence at a long-term care facility, history of recurrent infections to the same site as the current request, or cystic fibrosis with pulmonary manifestations?☐ Yes ☐ No
- If not confirmed, is VRE suspected due to a recent course of vancomycin and no clinical improvement with or without clinical improvement from intravenous linezolid? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Please provide the intended duration of treatment: _____

MEDICATION ALLERGIES

Drug Name	Outcome

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CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY

Medication Name	Strength/ Frequency	Dates of Therapy	Status (Discontinued & Why/Current)

REAUTHORIZATION

Has the member experienced a significant improvement with treatment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please describe: _____

SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE

Prescribing Provider Signature

Date

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