

Prior Authorization Criteria
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) Medications

All requests for ALS Medications require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

ALS Medications include Radicava (edaravone), Relyvrio (sodium phenylbutyrate/taurusodiol), and Qalsody (tofersen). New products with this classification will require the same documentation.

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)** and the following criteria is met:

- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- Provide an ALSFRS-R (Revised ALS functional rating scale) score within the past 6 months
- Must be age-appropriate according to FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or evidence-based practice guidelines
- The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines
- For Radicava (edaravone), must have a forced vital capacity (FVC) $\geq 80\%$ AND must be used in combination with riluzole unless there is documentation of intolerance or contraindication to riluzole
- For Relyvrio (sodium phenylbutyrate/taurusodiol), must have a slow vital capacity (SVC) $> 60\%$ of predicted
- For Qalsody (tofersen), must have a mutation in the superoxide dismutase 1 (*SOD1*) gene.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria:**
 - Continues to experience clinical benefit based on the prescriber's assessment
 - Provide an ALSFRS-R score within the past 12 months
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

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.



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ALS MEDICATIONS PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM

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

If needed, you may call to speak to a Pharmacy Services Representative. **PHONE:** (800) 392-1147 Mon – Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm

PROVIDER INFORMATION

Requesting Provider:	NPI:
Provider Specialty:	Office Contact:
State License #:	Office NPI:
Office Address:	Office Phone:
	Office Fax:

MEMBER INFORMATION

Member Name:	DOB:	
Member ID:	Member weight:	Height:

REQUESTED DRUG INFORMATION

Medication:	Strength:	
Directions:	Quantity:	Refills:

Is the member currently receiving requested medication? Yes No Date Medication Initiated:

Billing Information

This medication will be billed: <input type="checkbox"/> at a pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/> medically, 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)

Diagnosis: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Other: _____ ICD-10 Code: _____

ALSFRS-R Score:

For Radicava (edaravone):

Provide forced vital capacity (FVC): _____ %

Will this be used in combination with riluzole? Yes No

For Relyvrio (sodium phenylbutyrate/taurursodiol): provide slow vital capacity (SVC): %

For Qalsody (tofersen): is there a mutation in the *SOD1* gene? Yes No

CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY

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

REAUTHORIZATION

Has the member experienced clinical benefit with treatment? Yes No

ALSFRS-R Score:

SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE

Prescribing Provider Signature

Date