

Prior Authorization Criteria

**Prialt (ziconotide intrathecal infusion)**

All requests for Prialt (ziconotide intrathecal infusion) require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of severe chronic pain and the following criteria is met:

- The member is age 18 years or older
- Must provide documentation showing the member has tried and failed (which will be verified via pharmacy claims if applicable) or had an intolerance or contraindication to ALL of the following:
  - Nonpharmacologic treatment (e.g., cognitive behavioral therapy [CBT], exercise therapy, interventional treatments, and multimodal pain treatment)
  - A non-opioid medication at adequate dose, including but not limited to: NSAIDs, acetaminophen, gabapentin, amitriptyline, topical lidocaine, carbamazepine, duloxetine, fluoxetine
  - Two (2) short-acting and/or long-acting opioids
  - Intrathecal (IT) morphine at adequate doses
- Member does not have any of the following:
  - A pre-existing history of psychosis
  - Contraindication to intrathecal analgesia such as the infection at the microinfusion injection site, uncontrolled bleeding diathesis, or spinal canal obstruction that impairs circulation of cerebral spinal fluid
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria:**
  - Must provide documentation of clinical benefit
  - Must have no elevation in serum creatinine kinase
- **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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Please complete and fax all requested information below including any progress notes, laboratory test results, or chart documentation as applicable to Gateway Health<sup>SM</sup> 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:	

**Billing Information**

This medication will be billed:  at a pharmacy **OR**  
 medically (if medically please provide a JCODE: \_\_\_\_\_)

Place of Service:  Hospital  Provider's office  Member's home  Other

**Place of Service Information**

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

**MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)**

Is Prialt being used to treat severe chronic pain?  Yes  No  
Please provide applicable ICD10 Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the patient have a history of psychosis?  Yes  No  
Does the patient have any contraindications to intrathecal analgesia?  Yes  No

Has the member tried at least one of the following nonpharmacological treatment?  Yes  No  
Please select all that apply:  
 cognitive behavioral therapy [CBT]     exercise therapy  
 interventional treatments                 multimodal pain treatment

Has the member tried and failed at least one of the following non-opioid medication at adequate dose, unless contraindicated or intolerant to therapy?  Yes  No  
Please select all that apply:  
 NSAIDs     acetaminophen  
 gabapentin      amitriptyline  
 topical lidocaine                                         carbamazepine  
 duloxetine      fluoxetine

**CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY**

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



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**MEMBER INFORMATION**

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

**REAUTHORIZATION**

Has the member experienced a significant improvement with treatment?  Yes  No  
Please describe:  
Does the member have any elevations in serum creatinine kinase?  Yes  No

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE**


**Prescribing Provider Signature**

**Date**

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