

Glatiramer acetate (Copaxone, Glatopa)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity Limit	1 year

Medications	Quantity Limit
Copaxone (glatiramer acetate) Glatiramer acetate Glatopa (glatiramer acetate)	May be subject to quantity limit

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for glatiramer acetate (Copaxone, Glatopa) may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has a diagnosis of relapsing multiple sclerosis (RMS) (including clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease or active secondary progressive disease).

Requests for **brand** Copaxone must also meet the following criterion, in addition to the above Prior Authorization criteria:

- I. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and was unable to tolerate glatiramer acetate (generic Copaxone).

Glatiramer acetate (Copaxone, Glatopa) may **not** be approved for the following:

- I. Individual is using to treat primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS); **OR**
- II. Individual is using to treat non-active secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS); **OR**
- III. Use in combination with other multiple sclerosis disease modifying agents (including Aubagio, Avonex, Bafiertam, Betaseron, Extavia, Gilenya, Kesimpta, Lemtrada, Mavenclad, Mayzent, Ocrevus, Plegridy, Ponvory, Rebif, Tecfidera, Tysabri, Vumerity and Zeposia); **OR**
- IV. May not be approved when the above criteria are not met and for all other indications.

Key References:

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Federal and state laws or requirements, contract language, and Plan utilization management programs or policies may take precedence over the application of this clinical criteria.

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