

Qulipta (atogepant)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	Initial request: 3 months
Quantity Limit	Renewal requests: 1 year

Medications	Quantity Limit
Qulipta (atogepant)	May be subject to quantity limit

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Initial requests for Qulipta (atogepant) may be approved when the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has a diagnosis of episodic migraine defined as at least 4 and fewer than 15 migraine days per month and fewer than 15 headache days per month on average during the previous 3 month period; **AND**
- II. Individual is using Qulipta for migraine prophylaxis;

AND

- III. Documentation is provided that individual has had a trial of and inadequate response to a 2 month trial at target or usual effective dose or intolerance to two agents for migraine prophylaxis* (at least one agent in any two of the following classes) or has a contraindication to all of the following medications (AAN/AHA 2012/2015, Level A and B evidence; ICSI 2013, high quality evidence, AHS 2021). Medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial.:
 - A. The following antidepressants: amitriptyline, venlafaxine, nortriptyline, duloxetine; **OR**
 - B. One of the following beta blockers: Metoprolol, propranolol, timolol (oral), nadolol, atenolol, nebivolol; **OR**
 - C. The following calcium channel blocker: verapamil; **OR**
 - D. One of the following antiepileptic agents: valproate sodium, divalproex sodium, topiramate, gabapentin;

*Agents for migraine prophylaxis – May require Prior Authorization

AND

- IV. If individual is also currently using botulinum toxin for prophylaxis and is going to be using Qulipta and botulinum toxin together (i.e., not switching from one agent to another), the following must apply:
 - A. Individual has had a reduction in the overall number of migraine days or reduction in number of severe migraine days per month with botulinum toxin use; **AND**
 - B. Individual continues to experience a significant number of migraine headache days or severe migraine days per month requiring additional therapy for migraine prevention.

Renewal requests for Qulipta (atogepant) may be approved when the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has a reduction in the overall number of migraine days or reduction in number of severe migraine days per month; **AND**
- II. Individual has obtained clinical benefit deemed significant by individual or prescriber including any of the following (AHS 2021):
 - A. 50% reduction in frequency of days with headache or migraine; **OR**
 - B. Significant decrease in attack duration; **OR**
 - C. Significant decrease in attack severity; **OR**
 - D. Improved response to acute treatment; **OR**
 - E. Reduction in migraine-related disability and improvements in functioning in important areas of life; **OR**
 - F. Improvements in health related quality of life and reduction in psychological stress due to migraine.

AND

- III. If individual is using concurrently with botulinum toxin, the following must apply:
 - A. Individual has had further reduction in the overall number of migraine days or reduction in number of severe migraine days per month compared to monotherapy with botulinum toxin.

Qulipta (atogepant) may **not** be approved for the following:

- I. Individual is using in combination with another prophylactic CGRP agent (i.e. Aimovig, Ajovy, Emgality, Vyepti, prophylactic use of Nurtec ODT); **OR**
- II. Individual has severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C); **OR**
- III. Individual is using requested medication for chronic migraine and has any of the following:
 - A. Individual has severe renal impairment or end-stage renal disease (CrCl <30 mL/min); **OR**,
 - B. Individual is currently using a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor (including but not limited to ketoconazole, itraconazole, clarithromycin); **OR**,
 - C. Individual is currently using a mild, moderate, or strong CYP3A4 inducer (including but not limited to carbamazepine, phenytoin, St. John's wort, rifampin, topiramate).

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