Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	1 year, unless otherwise noted below
Quantity Limit	

Medications	Quantity Limit
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) Starter Kit –	1 pack per fill, one time fill (30 day supply)
brand and generic	
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) 120mg	14 capsules per fill, one time fill (starting dose,
delayed release capsules - brand and	7 day supply)
generic	
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) 240mg	2 capsules per day (maintenance dose)
delayed release capsules - brand and	
generic	

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for **brand and generic** Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) may be approved when the following criterion is 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** Tecfidera must also meet the following criterion, in addition to the above Prior Authorization criteria:

- I. Documentation is provided that individual has had a trial of dimethyl fumarate (generic Tecfidera). Medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial.; **AND**
- II. Documentation is provided that individual was unable to tolerate dimethyl fumarate (generic Tecfidera).

Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) may not be approved for the following:

- Use in combination with other MS disease modifying agents (including Aubagio, Avonex, Bafiertam, Betaseron, Briumvi, Copaxone/Glatiramer/Glatopa, Extavia, Gilenya, Kesimpta, Lemtrada, Mavenclad, Mayzent, Ocrevus, Ocrevus Zunovo, Plegridy, Ponvory, Rebif, Tascenso ODT, Tyruko, Tysabri, Vumerity and Zeposia); OR
- II. Individual is using to treat non-active secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.

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

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