

Azithromycin Quantity Limit

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Quantity Limit	Cystic Fibrosis, Mycobacterium Avium Complex – 1 year HIV AND <i>Bartonella</i> – 3 months All other diagnosis – per fill

Medications	Quantity Limit
azithromycin 250mg	6 Tablets per fill; 1 fill per 30 days
azithromycin 500mg	3 Tablets per fill; 1 fill per 30 days
azithromycin 600mg	8 Tablets per fill; 1 fill per 28 days
azithromycin 1gm powder packets	2 packets per fill; 1 fill per 30 days
azithromycin 100mg/5mL Suspension (15 mL bottle)	15 mL per fill; 1 fill per 30 days
azithromycin 200mg/5mL Suspension (15 mL bottle)	15 mL per fill; 1 fill per 30 days
azithromycin 200mg/5mL Suspension (22.5 mL bottle)	67.5 mL per fill; 1 fill per 30 days
azithromycin 200mg/5mL Suspension (30 mL bottle)	60 mL per fill; 1 fill per 30 days

APPROVAL CRITERIA

I. For individuals diagnosed with chronic sinusitis, approve the following:

- A. Up to 12 tablets of azithromycin 250 mg (2 Z-Paks); **OR**
- B. Up to 6 tablets of azithromycin 500 mg/fill; **OR**
- C. Up to 75 mL azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL; **OR**
- D. Up to 75 mL of azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL; **OR**
- E. Up to 3 azithromycin 1 gram packets;

OR

II. For individuals diagnosed with Babesiosis by one of the following (IDSA, 2018):

- A. Positive blood smear for *Babesia*; **OR**
- B. Positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for *Babesia*, approve the following quantity (AFHS):
 - 1. Up to 11 tablets of azithromycin 250 mg; **OR**
 - 2. Up to 10 tablets of azithromycin 500 mg; **OR**
 - 3. Up to 10 tablets of azithromycin 600 mg; **OR**
 - 4. Up to 150 mL azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL; **OR**
 - 5. Up to 150 mL azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL;

OR

III. For individuals diagnosed with Lyme disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi* infections), approve the following (AHFS):

- A. Up to 20 azithromycin 250 mg tablets per 30 days; **OR**
- B. Up to 10 azithromycin 500 mg tablets per 30 days; **OR**
- C. Up to 135 mL azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL per 30 days; **OR**
- D. Up to 135 mL azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL per 30 days;

OR

IV. For individuals diagnosed with pelvic inflammatory disease, approve the following (AHFS):

- A. Up to 9 azithromycin 250mg tablets per fill; **OR**
- B. Up to 5 azithromycin 500mg tablets per fill; **OR**
- C. Up to 60 mL azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL per fill; **OR**
- D. Up to 60 mL azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL per fill; **OR**
- E. Up to 3 azithromycin 1 gram packets per fill;

OR

V. For individuals diagnosed with mycobacterium avium complex (MAC)

- A. Approve the amount requested;

OR

VI. For individuals diagnosed with cystic fibrosis (CF):

- A. Approve amount requested;

OR

VII. For individuals diagnosed with toxoplasmosis caused by *Toxoplasma gondii* (AHFS):

- A. Approve the amount requested;

OR

VIII. For individuals diagnosed with pneumonia requiring initial IV therapy, approve the following (AHFS):

- A. Up to 16 azithromycin 250 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
- B. Up to 8 azithromycin 500 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
- C. Up to 105 mL azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL per fill; **OR**
- D. Up to 105 mL azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL per fill;

OR

IX. For individuals diagnosed with gonorrhea, approve the following:

- A. Up to 8 azithromycin 250 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
- B. Up to 4 azithromycin 500 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
- C. Up to 60 mL of azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL per fill;

OR

X. For pediatric individuals diagnosed with pharyngitis or tonsillitis (such as strep throat), may approve the following:

- A. Up to 5 azithromycin 500 mg tablets; **OR**
- B. Up to 75 mL azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL;

OR

- XI. For individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS **AND** cryptosporidiosis (*Cryptosporidium parvum*) infection, approve the following (AHFS):
- A. Up to 28 azithromycin 600 mg tablets;
- OR**
- XII. For individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS **AND** *Bartonella* infection, approve the following (AHFS):
- A. Azithromycin 600 mg tablet, one tablet per day for 3 months;
- OR**
- XIII. For individuals diagnosed with mild to moderate infections caused by *Campylobacter jejuni*, approve the following (AHFS):
- A. Up to 28 azithromycin 250 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
 - B. Up to 14 azithromycin 500 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
 - C. Up to 180 mL azithromycin 200 mg/5 mL;
- OR**
- XIV. For individuals diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease, approve the following (AHFS):
- A. Up to 10 azithromycin 250 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
 - B. Up to 5 azithromycin 500 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
 - C. Up to 75 mL azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL per fill.
- OR**
- XV. For individuals using to treat travelers' diarrhea, approve the following (CDC):
- A. Up to 4 azithromycin 500 mg tablets per fill; **OR**
 - B. Up to 60 mL azithromycin 100 mg/5 mL per fill.

Key References:

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