

# Celecoxib

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

Medications	Quantity Limit
Celebrex (celecoxib)	May be subject to quantity limit

## **APPROVAL CRITERIA**

Requests for celecoxib may be approved if the following criteria is met:

- I. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/ coupons/ discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance to two preferred single agent oral Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs);

Preferred Agents: Generic prescription oral NSAIDs.

**OR**

- II. Individual has history of a gastrointestinal disorder (including, ulcer, gastritis);

**OR**

- III. Individual has a diagnosis of Desmoid tumors (aggressive fibromatosis) (NCCN 2A);

**OR**

- IV. The preferred NSAIDs are not FDA-approved and do not have an accepted off-label use per the off-label policy for the prescribed indication and the requested non-preferred agent does.

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

- I. Individual has failed an adequate trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) of one chemically equivalent generic celecoxib agent;  
**AND**
  - A. Generic celecoxib had inadequate response; **OR**
  - B. Generic celecoxib caused adverse outcome; **OR**
  - C. The individual has a genuine allergic reaction to an inactive ingredient in generic agent. Allergic reaction(s) must be clearly documented in the individual's medical record.

## **Key References:**

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