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Step Therapy Criteria**

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ASMANEX

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Asmanex (120 Metered Doses)

Asmanex (14 Metered Doses)

Asmanex (30 Metered Doses)

Asmanex (60 Metered Doses)

Asmanex HFA

Step Therapy Criteria: On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs: Arnuity Ellipta and Qvar

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 180

BAFIERTAM

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Bafiertam

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescriber should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Dimethyl Fumarate

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

DESVENLAFAXINE ER

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Desvenlafaxine ER

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Desvenlafaxine Succinate ER

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

GLP1 NPD - BYDUREON BCISE

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Bydureon BCise

Step Therapy Criteria: On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs: Victoza, Ozempic, Trulicity, or Rybelsus

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 180

GLP1 NPD - BYETTA

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Byetta 10 MCG Pen

Byetta 5 MCG Pen

Step Therapy Criteria: On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs: Victoza, Ozempic, Trulicity, or Rybelsus

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 180

NEUPRO

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Neupro

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Pramipexole and Ropinirole

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

ONGENTYS

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Ongentys

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescriber should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Either Entacapone, Carbidopa-Levodopa-Entacapone, or Tolcapone

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

OXYCONTIN

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

oxyCODONE HCl ER

OxyCONTIN

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Morphine Sulfate Extended Release

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

PPI

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Esomeprazole Magnesium

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Either two generic formulary PPI's which include Lansoprazole, Omeprazole, Rabeprazole and Pantoprazole or Lansoprazole and Misoprostol for prophylaxis of NSAID associated gastropathy

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

PRADAXA

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Dabigatran Etexilate Mesylate

Pradaxa

Step Therapy Criteria: On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs: Eliquis or Xarelto

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 180

RHOPRESSA

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Rhopressa

Rocklatan

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescriber should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Latanoprost or Travoprost

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

SPRITAM

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Spritam

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Levetiracetam Oral Solution

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

SYMBICORT

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Budesonide-Formoterol Fumarate

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Formulary Version of (1) Fluticasone/Salmeterol and (2) Breo Ellipta

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

TOLCAPONE

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Tolcapone

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:(1) Ongentys and either (2) Entacapone or Carbidopa-Levodopa-Entacapone

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

TRAVOPROST

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Travoprost (BAK Free)

Step Therapy Criteria: On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescriber should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs: Latanoprost

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 180

TUDORZA

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Tudorza Pressair

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Spiriva and Incruse Ellipta

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

ULORIC

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Febuxostat

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Allopurinol

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

VELPHORO

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Velphoro

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Calcium Acetate and Either Sevelamer Carbonate or Lanthanum Carbonate

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

VUMERITY

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Vumerity

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescriber should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Dimethyl Fumarate

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

XELPROS EMULSION

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Xelpros

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:Latanoprost

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

XULTOPHY

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Xultophy

Step Therapy Criteria:On-line prescription drug claim history showing 15 days use of a Step 1 drug, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs:One formulary GLP-1 Agonist or one formulary long-acting basal insulin product

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs:180

ZEGALOGUE

Affected Drugs (also known as Step-2-Drugs):

Zegalogue

Step Therapy Criteria: On-line prescription drug claim history showing 1 day use of two Step 1 drugs, within previous 180 days. If step therapy criteria are not met, prescribing provider should request an exception for coverage.

Step 1 Drugs: Gvoke and Baqsimi

Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 180

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