Policy: MBP 121.0
Section: Medical Benefit Pharmaceutical Policy
Subject: Dalvance (dalbavancin)

I. Policy:
Dalvance (dalbavancin)

II. Purpose/Objective:
To provide a policy of coverage regarding Dalvance (dalbavancin)

III. Responsibility:
A. Medical Directors
B. Medical Management
C. Pharmacy Department

IV. Required Definitions
1. Attachment – a supporting document that is developed and maintained by the policy writer or department requiring/authoring the policy.
2. Exhibit – a supporting document developed and maintained in a department other than the department requiring/authoring the policy.
3. Devised – the date the policy was implemented.
4. Revised – the date of every revision to the policy, including typographical and grammatical changes.
5. Reviewed – the date documenting the annual review if the policy has no revisions necessary.

V. Additional Definitions
Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary means Covered Services rendered by a Health Care Provider that the Plan determines are:

a. appropriate for the symptoms and diagnosis or treatment of the Member's condition, illness, disease or injury;
b. provided for the diagnosis and the direct care and treatment of the Member's condition, illness disease or injury;
c. in accordance with current standards good medical treatment practiced by the general medical community;
d. not primarily for the convenience of the Member, or the Member's Health Care Provider; and
e. the most appropriate source or level of service that can safely be provided to the Member. When applied to hospitalization, this further means that the Member requires acute care as an inpatient due to the nature of the services rendered or the Member's condition, and the Member cannot receive safe or adequate care as an outpatient.

Medicaid Business Segment
Medical Necessity shall mean a service or benefit that is compensable under the Medical Assistance Program and if it meets any one of the following standards:

(i) the service or benefit will, or is reasonably expected to, prevent the onset of an illness, condition or disability.
(ii) the service or benefit will, or is reasonably expected to, reduce or ameliorate the physical, mental or development effects of an illness, condition, injury or disability.
(iii) the service or benefit will assist the Member to achieve or maintain maximum functional capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the Member and those functional capacities that are appropriate for members of the same age.
DESCRIPTION:
Dalvance (dalbavancin), a semisynthetic lipoglycopeptide, interferes with cell wall synthesis by binding to the D-alanyl-D-alanine terminus of the stem pentapeptide in nascent cell wall peptidoglycan, thus preventing cross-linking.

CRITERIA FOR USE: Requires Prior Authorization by Medical Director or Designee

Dalvance (dalbavancin) will be considered medically necessary when all of the following criteria are met:

1. Medical record documentation that patient is ≥ 18 years of age AND
2. Medical record documentation of a diagnosis of an acute bacterial skin and skin structure infection (including cellulitis/erysipelas, wound infection, and major cutaneous abscess) caused by: Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pyogenes, Streptococcus agalactiae, Streptococcus dysgalactiae, Streptococcus anginosus, Streptococcus intermedius, Streptococcus constellatus, or Enterococcus faecalis (vancomycin susceptible strains) which has been diagnosed and documented with Infectious Disease consultation AND
3. Medical record documentation of a culture and sensitivity showing the patient’s infection is not susceptible to alternative antibiotic treatments OR a documented history of previous intolerance to or contraindication to other antibiotics shown to be susceptible on the culture and sensitivity OR
4. If Dalvance was initiated during an inpatient stay, medical record documentation of a culture and sensitivity showing the patient’s infection is not susceptible to alternative antibiotic treatments OR a documented history of previous intolerance to or contraindication to other antibiotics shown to be susceptible on the culture and sensitivity

AUTHORIZATION LIMIT: If approved, Dalvance will be authorized for a treatment course of 2 doses within a 2 week period.

LINE OF BUSINESS:
Eligibility and contract specific benefit limitations and/or exclusions will apply. Coverage statements found in the line of business specific benefit document will supersede this policy.

This policy will be revised as necessary and reviewed no less than annually.

Devised: 11/18/14
Revised: 11/2/15, 11/28/16 (updated criteria)
Reviewed: 10/26/16, 9/29/17, 8/30/18, 8/29/19