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<p><b>Anthelmintic<sup>i</sup></b></p> <p>Praziquantel (Biltricide)</p> <p>Albendazole (Albenza)</p>	<p><b>Praziquantel pays at Point of Sale when one of the following infections is present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flukes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clonorchiasis</li> <li>▪ Opisthorchiasis</li> <li>▪ Paragonimiasis</li> <li>▪ Fasciolopsis</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tapeworms                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Schistosomiasis</li> <li>▪ Taeniasis</li> <li>▪ Cysticercosis/Neurocysticercosis</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriptions for praziquantel that do not pay at Point of Sale may be approved for members who meet one of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial and failure with ivermectin or pyrantel</li> <li>• Infection falls either under Fluke or Tapeworm:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flukes                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clonorchiasis</li> <li>▪ Opisthorchiasis</li> <li>▪ Paragonimiasis</li> <li>▪ Fasciolopsis</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Tapeworms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Initial Approval:</b> Roundworm: 21 days All others: 3 days</p> <p><b>Exceptions to Initial Approval:</b></p> <p><i>Praziquantel:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cysticercosis/Neurocysticercosis: Up to 15 days</li> </ul> <p><i>Albendazole:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cysticercosis/Neurocysticercosis: 120 tablets per month</li> <li>• Clonorchiasis and Opisthorchiasis: Up to 7 days</li> <li>• Hydatid Disease:</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Schistosomiasis</li> <li>▪ Taeniasis</li> <li>▪ Cysticercosis/Neurocysticercosis</li> </ul> <p><b>Albendazole pays at Point of Sale when one of the following infections is present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tapeworm                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Taeniasis</li> <li>▪ Cysticercosis/Neurocysticercosis</li> <li>▪ Hydatid disease/Echinococcosis</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Roundworm                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Capillariasis</li> <li>▪ Trichinellosis/Trichinosis</li> <li>▪ Ascariasis</li> <li>▪ Toxocariasis</li> <li>▪ Baylisascariasis</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Flukes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clonorchiasis</li> <li>▪ Opisthorchis</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriptions for albendazole that do not pay at Point of Sale may be approved for members who meet one of the following:</b></p>	<p>Up to 112 tablets every 42 days for 4 months (112 tablets every 28 days with a 14-day drug-free period. Repeat up to 2 more cycles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toxocariasis: 400 mg by mouth twice a day for five days</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial and failure with ivermectin or pyrantel</li> <li>• Infection is with one of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tapeworm                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Taeniasis</li> <li>▪ Cystercerosis/Neurocystercosis</li> <li>▪ Hydatid disease/Echinococcosis</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Roundworm                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Capillariasis</li> <li>▪ Trichinellosis/Trichinosis</li> <li>▪ Ascariasis</li> <li>▪ Toxocariasis</li> <li>▪ Baylisascariasis</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Flukes                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clonorchiasis</li> <li>▪ Opisthorchis</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Botulinum Toxins</b></p> <p>Botox Myobloc Dysport</p>	<p><b>See Detailed document:</b>  <a href="#">Aetna Better Health® of Michigan Pharmacy Guidelines</a></p>	

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Xeomin		
<b>Corlanor<sup>ii</sup></b>	<p><b>May be authorized for members 18 years of age or older when the following criteria are met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of stable symptomatic chronic heart failure (New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class II-III)</li> <li>• Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) is less than or equal to 35%</li> <li>• Member is in sinus rhythm with a resting heart rate greater than or equal to 70 beats per minute</li> <li>• Continuation of therapy with maximally tolerated beta-blocker, or there is intolerance or contraindication to beta-blockers</li> <li>• Continuation of therapy with angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor (ACEI)/Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB), or Entresto, or there is intolerance, or contraindication to angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor (ACEI)/Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB), or Entresto                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Note: Entresto requires Prior Authorization</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provider attestation that no contraindications to treatment exist:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acute decompensated heart failure</li> <li>○ Blood pressure less than 90/50 mmHg</li> <li>○ Pacemaker dependent (for example: heart rate maintained exclusively by</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Initial Approval:</b> 6 months</p> <p><b>Renewals:</b> 1 year</p> <p><b>Requires:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is responding to treatment</li> <li>• Heart rate is within recommended range for continuation of maintenance dose                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For example, 50-60 beats per minute, or</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>pacemaker)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sick sinus syndrome, sinoatrial block of third-degree AV block (unless functioning demand pacemaker is present)</li> <li>○ Severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class C)</li> </ul> <p><b>May be authorized for pediatric members 6 months of age or older when the following criteria are met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diagnosis of heart failure due to dilated cardiomyopathy</li> <li>● Member is in sinus rhythm with a resting heart rate of greater than or equal to 70 beats per minute</li> <li>● Provider attestation that no contraindications to treatment exist:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acute decompensated heart failure</li> <li>○ Blood pressure less than 90/50 mmHg</li> <li>○ Pacemaker dependent (for example, heart rate maintained exclusively by pacemaker)</li> <li>○ Sick sinus syndrome, sinoatrial block of third-degree AV block (unless functioning demand pacemaker is present)</li> <li>○ Severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class C)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>dose adjusted accordingly to achieve goal</p> <p><b>Quantity Level Limit:</b> Adults and Pediatrics: 60 tablets per 30 days</p> <p>Oral solution for pediatrics: 120 ampules per 30 days</p>
<b>Egrifta<sup>iii</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diagnosis of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-associated lipodystrophy</li> </ul>	<b>Initial Approval:</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of waist circumference greater than or equal to 95 cm for males, or greater than or equal to 94 cm for females at start of therapy</li> <li>• Member is currently receiving anti-retroviral therapy</li> <li>• Baseline evaluation within the past 3 months of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c)</li> <li>○ Insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Attestation Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) will be monitored every 3 to 4 months</li> <li>• Member is at risk for medical complications due to excess abdominal fat</li> <li>• Member does not have active malignancy</li> <li>• Member does not have disruption of the hypothalamic-pituitary gland axis or head trauma</li> <li>• Women of childbearing age are not pregnant and are using appropriate contraception</li> </ul>	<p>6 months</p> <p><b>Renewal Approval:</b> 6 months</p> <p><b>Requires:</b> Documentation of a positive clinical response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) within normal range (for the lab)</li> <li>• Insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) within normal range (for the lab)</li> <li>• Decrease in waist circumference</li> </ul>

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Emflaza <sup>iv</sup>	<p><b>Authorization criteria for members 2 years of age and older when all the following are met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist</li> <li>• Documentation indicating member has diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) confirmed by one of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genetic testing demonstrating a mutation in the dystrophin gene,</li> <li>○ Muscle biopsy evidence of total absence of dystrophin or abnormal dystrophin</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Serum creatine kinase (CK) at least 10 times the upper limit of normal</li> <li>• Documentation member had a trial of prednisone for at least 6 months with unmanageable and clinically significant weight gain/obesity or psychiatric/behavioral issues (for example abnormal behavior, aggression, or irritability)</li> <li>• Documentation of baseline motor milestone scores by one of the following assessments:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6-minute walk test (6MWT)</li> <li>○ North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA)</li> <li>○ Motor Function Measure (MFM)</li> <li>○ Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale (HFMS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Attestation of all the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emflaza will not be given concurrently with live vaccinations</li> <li>○ Member does not currently have an active infection (including Hepatitis B Virus (HBV))</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Initial Approval:</b> 6 months</p> <p><b>Renewal Approval:</b> <b>12 months</b></p> <p><b>Requires:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical benefit from therapy documented as an improvement in baseline motor milestone scores</li> <li>• Attestation to the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not given concurrently with live vaccinations</li> <li>○ Absence of an</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For members with history of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection, prescriber agrees to monitor for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) reinfection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>active infection (including Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)).</li> <li>○ If member has history of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection, prescriber agrees to monitor for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) reinfection</li> </ul>
<p><b>Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Agents<sup>v</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Documentation is required to support approval, when all the following criteria are met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is 18 years of age or older</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Initial Approval:</u></b> <b>3 months</b></p>

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<p>Esbriet Ofev</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a pulmonologist</li> <li>• Diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) confirmed by one of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High resolution computed tomography (HRCT) demonstrating usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP)</li> <li>○ Surgical lung biopsy with usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Forced vital capacity (FVC) greater than or equal to 50% predicted</li> <li>• Carbon Monoxide Diffusion Capacity (DLCO) greater than or equal to 30%</li> <li>• Baseline liver function tests (LFTs) prior to initiating treatment</li> <li>• Member is not a current smoker</li> <li>• Other known causes of interstitial lung disease have been ruled out (for example, domestic and occupational environmental exposures, connective tissue disease, or drug toxicity)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Renewal:</b> 6 months</p> <p><b>Requires:</b> Documentation of all the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stable Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) (recommend discontinuing if there is greater than 10% decline in Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) over 12-month period)</li> <li>• Liver function tests</li> </ul>

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		<p>(LFTs) are being monitored</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is not a current smoker</li> <li>• Compliance and adherence to treatment</li> </ul> <p><b>Quantity Level Limit:</b>  <u>Ofev:</u>                      2 caps per day  <u>Esbriet:</u>                      9 caps per day or 3 tabs per day</p>
<p><b>Janus Associated Kinase Inhibitors<sup>vi</sup></b></p>	<p><b><u>General Authorization Guideline for All Indications:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribed by, or in consultation with hematologist/oncologist</li> <li>• Member has been screened for tuberculosis                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If screening was positive for latent tuberculosis, member has received treatment for</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Initial Approval:</u></b> 6 months</p> <p><b><u>Renewal:</u></b> 1 year</p>

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Jakafi	<p style="text-align: center;">latent tuberculosis prior to initiating therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no evidence showing member has a serious current active infection</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Criteria Based on Indication:</u></b></p> <p><b>Myelofibrosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is at least 18 years of age</li> <li>• Baseline platelet count is at least 50 X 10<sup>9</sup>/L</li> <li>• Diagnosis is primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis</li> <li>• Intermediate or high-risk disease is defined as having two or more of the following risk factors:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Age greater than 65 years</li> <li>○ Constitutional symptoms (weight loss greater than 10% from baseline and/or unexplained fever, or excessive sweats persisting for more than 1 month)</li> <li>○ Hemoglobin less than 10g/dL</li> <li>○ White Blood Cell count greater than or equal to 25 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L</li> <li>○ Peripheral Blood blasts greater than 1%</li> <li>○ Platelet count less than 100 X 10<sup>9</sup>/L</li> <li>○ Red Cell Transfusion</li> <li>○ Unfavorable karyotype [for example, complex karyotype, or sole, or two abnormalities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Requires:</b></p> <p><b>For Myelofibrosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spleen size reduction of greater than or equal to 35% OR</li> <li>• Symptom improvement (greater than or equal to 50% reduction in total symptom score from baseline) OR</li> <li>• Absence of disease progression</li> </ul> <p><b>For Polycythemia Vera:</b></p>

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	<p>that include trisomy 8, 7/7q-, i(17q), inv(3), 5/5q-, 12p- or 11q23 rearrangement]</p> <p><b>Polycythemia Vera</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is at least 18 years of age</li> <li>• Inadequate response or intolerance to hydroxyurea</li> <li>• Diagnosis of Polycythemia vera required by meeting all 3 major criteria, or the first 2 major criteria plus minor criterion below:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Major Criteria</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hemoglobin greater than 16.5 g/dL in men, greater than 16.0 g/dL in women OR Hematocrit greater than 49% in men, greater than 48% in women OR Increased red cell mass</li> <li>○ Bone marrow biopsy showing hypercellularity for age with trilineage growth (panmyelosis), including prominent erythroid, granulocytic, and megakaryocytic proliferation with pleomorphic, mature megakaryocytes (differences in size)</li> <li>○ Presence of Janus Kinase 2 (JAK2) V617F mutation, or Janus Kinase 2 (JAK2) exon 12 mutation</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Minor criterion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Subnormal serum erythropoietin level</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hematologic improvement (decreased hematocrit, platelet count or white blood cell count) OR</li> <li>• Reduction in palpable spleen length OR</li> <li>• Improvement in symptoms (for example, pruritus, night sweats, bone pain)</li> </ul> <p><b>For Acute Graft-Versus-Host Disease:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response to treatment OR</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Acute Graft-Versus-Host Disease:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member is at least 12 years of age</li> <li>There was Inadequate response to steroids after an allogenic hematopoietic stem cell transplant</li> <li>Diagnosis of grade 2 to 4 disease, based on Mount Sinai Acute GVHD International Consortium (MAGIC) criteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptoms are recurring during or after taper, and retreatment is needed</li> </ul>
<p><b>Juxtapid<sup>vii</sup></b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Medical Records Required with Requests</b></p> <p><b>May be authorized when all the following criteria are met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member is 18 years of age or older</li> <li>Prescribed by, or in consultation with Cardiologist, Endocrinologist, or Lipid Specialist</li> <li>Females of reproductive potential have a negative pregnancy test prior to starting treatment</li> <li>Used as an adjunct to a low-fat diet and exercise</li> <li>Diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) as evidenced by one of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genetic confirmation of 2 mutant alleles at the Low-Density Lipoprotein Receptor (LDLR), Apolipoprotein B100 (APO-B100), or Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9 (PCSK9)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Initial Approval:</b> <b>3 months</b></p> <p><b>Renewal Approval:</b> <b>6 months</b></p> <p><b>Requires:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member is continuing a low-fat diet and exercise regimen</li> <li>Current lipid Panel within the past 90</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ History of untreated Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) greater than 500 mg/dL, or treated Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) greater than 300 mg/dL on maximum dosed statin and evidence of one of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presence of cutaneous xanthoma before the age of 10 years</li> <li>▪ Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) in both parents</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Current lipid panel/Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) from past 90 days</li> <li>● Member had a failure or contraindication to a 90-day trial of a Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9 (PCSK9) Inhibitor (for example, Repatha or Praluent)</li> <li>● Attestation to the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Member does not have significant hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C)</li> <li>○ Will be used in conjunction with other lipid lowering therapies such as statins, ezetimibe, bile acid sequestrants, or Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) apheresis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>days showing <b>Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL)</b> reduction from baseline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Claims history to support compliance or adherence to Juxtapid and adjunctive lipid lowering therapies</li> <li>● Prescriber attestation of monitoring liver related tests, and dosing adjusted according to prescribing information</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Females of reproductive potential are currently using contraception</li> </ul> <p><b>Quantity Level Limits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juxtapid: 1 tablet per day</li> </ul>
<b>Korlym<sup>viii</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member is 18 years of age or older</li> <li>Documentation (submit chart notes) that diagnosis is of endogenous Cushing syndrome with all the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncontrolled hyperglycemia due to glucose intolerance or type 2 diabetes mellitus</li> <li>Member failed surgery or is not a candidate for surgery</li> <li>There was failure to achieve adequate glycemic control despite individualized diabetic management</li> </ul> </li> <li>Prescribed by or in consultation with endocrinologist</li> <li>Baseline labs for hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Initial Approval:</b> 6 months</p> <p><b>Renewal Approval:</b> 12 months</p> <p><b>Requires:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of improved</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescriber attestation to all the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Female members of childbearing potential are not pregnant</li> <li>○ Female members do not have history of unexplained vaginal bleeding, endometrial hyperplasia with atypia, or endometrial carcinoma</li> <li>○ Member does not require concurrent long-term corticosteroid use for serious medical conditions or illnesses (for example immunosuppression after organ transplant)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other accepted and approved indications for mifepristone are not covered using the Korlym product</li> </ul>	<p>glycemic control as evidenced by Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) labs lower than baseline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female members of childbearing potential are currently using non-hormonal contraception</li> </ul> <p><b>Quantity Level Limit:</b> Maximum dose 1200 mg per day</p>
<p><b>Lidocaine Topical Patch</b></p> <p>Lidocaine 5% Patch<sup>ix</sup></p>	<p><b>Lidocaine 5% Patch or ZTLido 1.8% Patch may be authorized for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member that is 18 years of age or older</li> <li>• Diagnosis is for post herpetic neuralgia</li> <li>• Documentation or Pharmacy claims history supporting trial and failure with topical lidocaine 4% patch</li> </ul>	<p><b>Initial Approval:</b> 3 months</p> <p><b>Renewal Approval:</b> 12 months</p>

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ZTLido 1.8% Patch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation or Pharmacy claims history supporting trial and failure, or intolerance, to two oral formulary alternatives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For example, gabapentin, tricyclic antidepressants</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>For ZTLido:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation or Pharmacy claims history to support trial and intolerance, or contraindication to Lidocaine 5% patch</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Lidocaine 5% Patch may be authorized for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member that is 18 years of age or older</li> <li>• Diagnosis of diabetic peripheral neuropathy</li> <li>• Documentation of Pharmacy claims history supporting trial and failure with topical lidocaine 4% patch</li> <li>• Documentation or Pharmacy claims history supporting trial and failure, or intolerance to two oral formulary alternatives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For example, duloxetine, venlafaxine, gabapentin, tricyclic antidepressants</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Documentation or Pharmacy claims history supporting therapy with a diabetic medication</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Quantity Level Limit:</u></b> 90 patches per 30 days</p>
Multaq <sup>x</sup>	<p><b>Multaq may be authorized when the following criteria are met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is 18 years of age or older</li> <li>• Diagnosis of paroxysmal or persistent atrial fibrillation and</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Initial Approval:</u></b> 3 months</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Member is currently in normal sinus rhythm, or</li> <li>○ Member plans to undergo cardioversion to normal sinus rhythm</li> <li>● Prescribed by, or in consultation with a cardiologist</li> <li>● Attestation member does not have any contraindications as outlined per the prescribing information including, but not limited to the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Symptomatic heart failure with recent decompensation requiring hospitalization</li> <li>○ New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class IV chronic heart failure</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Member had inadequate response, intolerable side effect, or contraindication to one of the following formulary alternatives:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ amiodarone</li> <li>○ propafenone</li> <li>○ flecainide</li> <li>○ sotalol</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Renewal Approval:</b> 6 months</p> <p><b>Requires:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attestation that member has positive response to treatment</li> <li>● Monitoring of electrocardiogram (ECG) every 3 months to make sure atrial fibrillation (AF) has not become permanent</li> </ul> <p><b>Quantity Level</b> <b>Limits:</b> 60/30 days</p>

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<p><b>Nuedexta<sup>xi</sup></b></p>	<p><b>May be authorized when all of the following criteria are met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is 18 years of age or older</li> <li>• Medication is prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist (for example, a psychiatrist, psychologist, neuropsychologist, or neurologist)</li> <li>• Diagnosis of pseudobulbar affect (PBA)</li> <li>• Documentation that member has at least one underlying neurologic condition associated with pseudobulbar affect (PBA)</li> <li>• Member has had a cognitive assessment to evaluate for the presence of pseudobulbar affect (PBA) (for example, Center for Neurologic Study-Lability Scale (CNS-LS) greater than or equal to 13 or The Pathological Laughter and Crying Scale (PLACS) greater than or equal to 13)</li> <li>• Member does not have any contraindications to therapy (for example, QT prolongation, Atrioventricular (AV) block, or monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) therapy in the previous 14 days)</li> <li>• Member has tried and failed selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) or tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)</li> <li>• Dose adjustments to desipramine, paroxetine, and digoxin will be made if co-administered with Nuedexta</li> </ul>	<p><b>Initial Approval:</b> 3 months</p> <p><b>Renewal:</b> 1 year</p> <p><b>Requires:</b> Decreased frequency of pseudobulbar affect (PBA) episodes</p> <p><b>Quantity Level Limit:</b> 2 capsules per day</p>

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<p><b>Promacta<sup>xii</sup></b></p>	<p><b><u>For all indications:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attestation that Provider to monitor the following labs at baseline and regularly throughout therapy, per frequency outlined in package insert:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ocular examination</li> <li>○ Complete blood count with differentials</li> <li>○ Platelet count</li> <li>○ Liver function tests</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) - Relapsed or Refractory:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is at least 1 year of age</li> <li>• Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist</li> <li>• Member had insufficient response to corticosteroids or immunoglobulins</li> <li>• Documentation that Promacta is being used to prevent major bleeding in member with platelet count less than 30,000/mm<sup>3</sup> and NOT to achieve platelet counts in normal range (150,000-450,000/mm<sup>3</sup>)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Hepatitis C-associated Thrombocytopenia:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is at least 18 years of age</li> <li>• Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, or infectious disease specialist</li> <li>• Member has chronic hepatitis C with baseline thrombocytopenia (documentation of</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Initial Approval:</u></b> 4 weeks</p> <p><b><u>Dosing Restrictions by Indication:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic ITP:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 75mg/day</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hepatitis C-associated Thrombocytopenia:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 100mg/day</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Aplastic Anemia:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 150mg/day</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Renewal Approval:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic ITP (idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura) with</li> </ul>

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	<p>platelet count less than 75,000/mm<sup>3</sup>) that prevents initiation of interferon-based therapy when interferon is required</p> <p>NOTE: If member is not receiving interferon-based therapy for treatment of Hepatitis C, Promacta should NOT be approved</p> <p><b>Severe Aplastic Anemia:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member meets one of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Age is at least 17 years old for treatment of refractory aplastic anemia</li> <li>○ Age is at least 2 years old for first-line treatment of severe aplastic anemia in combination with standard immunosuppressive therapy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist</li> <li>• Diagnosis of severe aplastic anemia is confirmed by documentation of both the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bone marrow cellularity less than 25% (or 25 to 50% if less than 30 percent of residual cells are hematopoietic)</li> <li>○ At least two of the following:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC) less than 500/mm<sup>3</sup></li> <li>▪ Platelet count less than 20,000/mm<sup>3</sup></li> <li>▪ Absolute Reticulocyte Count (ARC) less than 20,000/mm<sup>3</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anemia is refractory to previous first line treatment, including hematopoietic cell</li> </ul>	<p>documented platelet increase to greater than 50,000/mm<sup>3</sup> to less than 200,000/mm<sup>3</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 months at current dose</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic ITP (idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura) without documented platelet increase to greater than 50,000/mm<sup>3</sup>:</li> <li>○ 4 additional weeks with dose increase to 75mg/day</li> </ul>

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	<p>transplantation or immunosuppressive therapy with combination of cyclosporine A and antithymocyte globulin (ATG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Documentation member has a platelet count less than 30,000/mm<sup>3</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Limitations of Use:</b> Promacta is not indicated for treatment of myelodysplastic syndrome and is not a covered benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis C-associated Thrombocytopenia with documented platelet increase to greater than 50,000/mm<sup>3</sup>:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Duration of antiviral treatment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hepatitis C-associated Thrombocytopenia without documented platelet increase to greater than 50,000/mm<sup>3</sup>:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 additional</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p>weeks with dose increase up to a maximum of 100mg/day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aplastic anemia with documented platelet increase to greater than or equal to 50,000/mm<sup>3</sup>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 months at current dose</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Aplastic Anemia without documented platelet increase to greater than or equal to 50,000/mm<sup>3</sup>:</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 additional weeks with dose increase up to maximum of 150mg/day</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tavalisse<sup>xiii</sup></b></p>	<p><b>May be authorized when the following criteria are met:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is 18 years of age or older</li> <li>• Diagnosis of chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP)</li> <li>• Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist</li> <li>• Insufficient response to a previous treatment (such as corticosteroid, splenectomy, intravenous immunoglobulin [IVIG], anti-D immunoglobulin, Thrombopoietin (TPO) Receptor Agonists (Promacta®, Nplate®), or Rituxan®)</li> <li>• Documentation of a baseline platelet count: less than 30 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L</li> <li>• After obtaining baseline assessments, provider agrees to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitor complete blood counts (CBCs), including platelet counts, monthly until a stable platelet count (at least 50 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L) is achieved. Thereafter, continue to monitor complete blood counts (CBCs), including neutrophils, regularly</li> <li>○ Monitor liver function tests (LFTs) (for example, alanine aminotransferase [ALT], aspartate aminotransferase [AST] and bilirubin) monthly</li> <li>○ Monitor blood pressure every 2 weeks until establishment of a stable dose, then monthly thereafter</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Initial approval:</b> 4 months</p> <p><b>Renewals:</b> 6 months</p> <p><i>Requires:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After 12 weeks, platelet count increases to a level sufficient to avoid clinically important bleeding.</li> <li>• Provider continues to monitor complete blood</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No concomitant use with a strong CYP3A4 inducer (for example, phenobarbital, carbamazepine)</li> </ul>	<p>counts (CBCs), including neutrophils, blood pressure, liver function tests (LFTs)</p> <p><b>Quantity Level Limit:</b> 2 tablets/day</p>

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