



AETNA BETTER HEALTH®
Coverage Policy/Guideline

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Intent:

The intent of this policy/guideline is to provide information to the prescribing practitioner outlining the coverage criteria for Ivabradine under the patient's prescription drug benefit.

Description:

Heart Failure in Adult Patients

Ivabradine is indicated to reduce the risk of hospitalization for worsening heart failure in adult patients with stable, symptomatic chronic heart failure with left ventricular ejection fraction $\leq 35\%$, who are in sinus rhythm with resting heart rate ≥ 70 beats per minute and either are on maximally tolerated doses of beta-blockers or have a contraindication to beta-blocker use.

Heart Failure in Pediatric Patients

Ivabradine is indicated for the treatment of stable symptomatic heart failure due to dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in pediatric patients aged 6 months and older, who are in sinus rhythm with an elevated heart rate.

Compendial Uses

Inappropriate Sinus Tachycardia, adults

Applicable Drug List:

Ivabradine

Policy/Guideline:

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

- The requested drug is being prescribed for an adult patient
- AND**
- The requested drug is being prescribed to reduce the risk of hospitalization for worsening heart failure in a patient with stable, symptomatic chronic heart failure
- AND**
- The patient has a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than or equal to 35 percent. Documentation is required for approval.
- AND**
- The patient is currently receiving optimal therapy for heart failure management (e.g., angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor [ACEI], angiotensin II receptor



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blocker [ARB], angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor [ARNI], beta-blocker, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor [SGLT2I], mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist [MRA])

AND

- The patient is receiving treatment with a maximally tolerated dose of a beta-blocker OR the patient has an intolerance or contraindication to beta-blocker use

AND

- The patient is in sinus rhythm

AND

- If the request is not for continuation of therapy, the patient has a resting heart rate greater than or equal to 70 beats per minute [BPM]

OR

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the management of symptomatic inappropriate sinus tachycardia (IST)

OR

- The requested drug is being prescribed for a pediatric patient 6 months of age or older

AND

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of stable, symptomatic heart failure due to dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)

AND

- The patient is in sinus rhythm

AND

- If the request is not for continuation of therapy, the patient has an elevated heart rate

Approval Duration and Quantity Restrictions:

Approval: 12 months

Quantity Level Limit: Reference Formulary for drug specific quantity level limits

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