

Generic Name: Brand Name Medication

Therapeutic Class or Brand Name: Brand Name Medication

Applicable Drugs (if Therapeutic Class): N/A

Preferred: N/A

Non-preferred: N/A

Date of Origin: 2/1/2013

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(May be considered medically necessary when criteria I is met)

- I. Patient has a physician evaluated, charted documentation of an allergic reaction or adverse reaction to a generic therapeutic equivalent. Patient complaints of lack of efficacy are not acceptable reasons for failure such as "Client said", "client reports", "doesn't work", or "causes nausea". The following A and B must be provided:
 - A. Details as to why a generic therapeutic equivalent is not appropriate or is contraindicated.
 - B. Explanation of why treatment with the specific branded product is necessary.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- N/A

OTHER CRITERIA

- Many extended-release branded products do not have extended-release generic equivalents. In these cases, an adequate trial of the short-acting generic product is required.
- Some brand name dosage forms may not have the same dosage form available in a generic therapeutic equivalent. In these cases, an adequate trial of the other available dosage forms of the generic therapeutic equivalent is required.

QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- Quantity/Days Supply Restrictions may apply.

APPROVAL LENGTH

- **Authorization:** 1 year.
- **Re-Authorization:** An updated letter of medical necessity or progress notes showing the medication is effective.

APPENDIX

N/A

REFERENCES

1. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Generic Drugs. Last updated August 2022. Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/buying-using-medicine-safely/generic-drugs>.

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