

SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Sympatholytics PDL Edit
First Implementation Date:	January 5, 2017
Proposed Date:	October 17, 2023
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Criteria Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision of Existing Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> New Criteria

Executive Summary

Purpose: The MO HealthNet Pharmacy Program will implement a state-specific preferred drug list.

Why Issue Selected: The sympatholytic agents are indicated for various functions for example, treatment of hypertension, anxiety, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and withdrawal symptoms from opioids. The oral, centrally-acting, alpha-2 adrenergic receptor agonists include clonidine and guanfacine. Methyldopa continues to be used to treat hypertension in pregnant women. A diuretic, usually hydrochlorothiazide or chlorthalidone may be combined with clonidine or methyldopa. The sympatholytics are typically part of a multiple antihypertensive drug regimen for participants who have not reached their target blood pressure. Clonidine is also available in a transdermal formulation for the treatment of hypertension.

Total program savings for the PDL classes will be regularly reviewed.

Program-Specific Information:	Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clonidine Patch Clonidine Tabs Guanfacine Methyldopa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catapres® Tabs Catapres-TTS® Patch Clonidine ER 0.17 mg tabs (gen Nexiclon™) Lucemyra® Methyldopa/HCTZ

Type of Criteria: Increased risk of ADE
 Appropriate Indications

Preferred Drug List
 Clinical Edit

Data Sources: Only Administrative Databases

Databases + Prescriber-Supplied

Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Sympatholytics
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants

Approval Criteria

- Failure to achieve desired therapeutic outcomes with trial on 3 or more preferred agents:
 - Documented trial period for preferred agents **OR**
 - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agents
- For Lucemyra:
 - Documented diagnosis of opioid withdrawal **AND**
 - Documented trial period of clonidine oral OR patch

Denial Criteria

- Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents
- Therapy will be denied if all approval criteria are not met

Required Documentation

Laboratory Results:
MedWatch Form:

Progress Notes:
Other:

Disposition of Edit

Denial: Exception Code "0160" (Preferred Drug List)
Rule Type: PDL

Default Approval Period

1 year

References

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