



SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Antiviral Agents – Topical PDL Edit		
First Implementation Date:	July 10, 2014		
Proposed Date:	March 19, 2020		
Prepared For:	MO HealthNet		
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Criteria Status:	 Existing Criteria Revision of Existing Criteria New Criteria 		

Executive Summary

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

Why Issue Cold sores, also known as fever blisters, are small sores, or blister-like lesions on the face or inside the mouth. They usually cause pain, a burning sensation, or itching before they burst and crust over. Most commonly, cold sores appear on the lips, chin, cheeks, inside the nostrils, and less frequently on the gums or the palate (roof of the mouth). The sores are caused by the herpes simplex viruses; the most common cause of sores around the mouth is herpes simplex type 1, or HSV-1. Antivirals do not eradicate the infections, but rather partially control the signs and symptoms associated with the disease. These drugs are used for treatment of initial and recurrent episodes.

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

Program-Specific	Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents	
Information:	Docosanol	Abreva [®] OTC	
	Zovirax [®] Crm	Acyclovir Crm/Oint	
		• Denavir [®]	
		• Xerese [®]	
		Zovirax [®] Oint	
Type of Criteria:	Increased risk of ADE	Preferred Drug List	
	Appropriate Indications	Clinical Edit	
Data Sources:	Only Administrative Databases	Databases + Prescriber-Supplied	

Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Antiviral Agents Topical
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants

Approval Criteria

- Failure to achieve desired therapeutic outcomes with trial on 2 or more preferred agents
 - Documented trial period of preferred agents
 - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agents

Denial Criteria

- Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents
- Therapy will be denied if no approval criteria are met
- Claim exceeds maximum dosing limitation for the following (Dose Opt or 716 Criteria):

Drug Description	Generic Equivalent	Max Dosing Limitation		
Zovirax 5% Cream	Acyclovir	5g per 14 days OR 10g per 28 days		

Required Documenta	ation		
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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