



Drug/Drug Class:	Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia Agents PDL Edit
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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 Selected: In adult men, the prostate acts mainly to add fluids to the semen that nourish sperm and protect them against the natural acids in the vagina. Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) is one of the most common diseases in aging men - for most men over age 50. The symptoms are brought on by hyperplastic changes in the prostate, leading to prostatic enlargement. The resulting urinary obstruction increases outflow resistance and results in a detrusor muscle response. These participants often present with bothersome lower urinary tract symptoms, including frequency, nocturia, urgency, and urge incontinence resulting from irritation; and/or symptoms secondary to obstruction, such as difficulty initiating urination, or passing urine, weak stream, involuntary post-void dripping of urine, or a sensation of incomplete bladder emptying. Unless participants have developed bladder outlet obstruction, BPH only requires therapy if symptoms have a significant impact on a participant's quality of life. The agents that are most commonly used to treat the lower urinary tract symptoms associated with BPH are alpha-1 adrenergic antagonists, 5-alpha-reductase inhibitors, anticholinergic agents, and phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors. In mild to moderate symptomatic participants, an alpha-1 adrenergic antagonist as monotherapy is recommended. In severe symptomatic participants, a combination of an alpha-1 adrenergic antagonist and a 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor is recommended. Alpha-1 adrenergic antagonists work in the lower urinary tract by blocking adrenoreceptors in the prostate to cause smooth muscles to relax and thus improve urine flow rate and reduce BPH symptoms. Selective 5-alpha reductase inhibitors decrease the serum concentration of 5a-dihydrotestosterone (DHT) which stimulates the growth of glandular and stromal cells, increasing prostatic tissue mass.

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

# Program-Specific Information:

	Non-Preferred Agents
Alfuzosin	Avodart®
Doxazosin	Cardura <sup>®</sup>
Dutasteride	Cardura® XL
Finasteride 5mg	Cialis <sup>®</sup> 5mg
Prazosin	Dutasteride/Tamsulosin
Tamsulosin	Flomax <sup>®</sup>
Terazosin	Jayln®
	Minipress®
	Proscar®
	Rapaflo®
	Silodosin
	Tadalafil 5mg
	Uroxatral®

Type of Criteria: ☐ Increased risk of ADE ☐ Preferred Drug List

Data Sources: ☐ Only Administrative Databases ☐ Databases + Prescriber-Supplied

# Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia Agents
- 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 of preferred agents OR
  - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agents AND
- For Cialis: documented diagnosis of benign prostatic hyperplasia in the past 2 years

### **Denial Criteria**

- Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents
- Therapy will be denied if no approval criteria are met
- For Cialis:
  - Documented diagnosis of erectile dysfunction in the past 2 years OR
  - o Claim history documents use of nitrates or ritonavir therapy in the past 30 days OR
  - Documented contraindication to tadalafil:
    - History of MI in the past 90 days
    - History of unstable angina
    - History of NYHA Class II or greater heart failure
    - History of stroke in the past 6 months
    - History of uncontrolled arrhythmias

# **Required Documentation**

Laboratory Results:	Progress Notes:	
MedWatch Form:	Other:	

SmartPA PDL Proposal Form

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# **Disposition of Edit**

Denial: Exception Code "0160" (Preferred Drug List)

Rule Type: PDL

# **Default Approval Period**

1 year

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