



SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Sedative Hypnotics PDL Edit		
First Implementation Date:	November 9, 2005		
Revised Date:	April 1, 2021		
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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:

Insomnia often presents with one or more of the following symptoms: difficulty falling asleep, waking up often during the night and having trouble going back to sleep, waking up too early in the morning, or unrefreshing sleep. These symptoms can cause problems during the day, such as sleepiness, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, and irritability. Patients with insomnia may also have another sleep disorder such as sleep apnea, narcolepsy, or restless legs syndrome. While insomnia is not defined by the number of hours a person sleeps every night, most people need between 7 and 8 hours of sleep total per night. About 60 million Americans suffer each year, affecting 40% of women and 30% of men, with incidence tending to increase with age.

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

Program-Specific Information:

Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents		
• Doxepin 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150mg	Ambien®		
Caps	Ambien CR®		
Eszopiclone	Belsomra®		
 Temazepam 15, 30mg 	 Dayvigo[™] 		
Zaleplon	 Doxepin 3, 6mg Tabs 		
 Zolpidem Tabs 	• Edluar [®]		
	Estazolam		
	Flurazepam		
	Halcion [®]		
	Hetlioz®		
	• Intermezzo®		
	• Lunesta®		
	Midazolam Syrup		
	Ramelteon		
	 Restoril[™] 		
	Rozerem®		
	• Silenor®		
	 Temazepam 7.5, 22.5mg 		
	Triazolam		
	Zolpidem ER		
	Zolpidem SL		

Type of Criteria:	☐ Increased risk of ADE	☑ Preferred Drug List		
		☐ Clinical Edit		

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

Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Sedative Hypnotics
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants aged 18 years or older

Approval Criteria

- Claim is for doxepin capsules OR
- Documented compliance on current therapy regimen (90/180 days) for participants on only 1 sedative hypnotic (must also be a preferred agent) dosed at no more than 1 unit per day **OR**
- Participants aged 18 years or older AND
- Participants with no history of sedative hypnotic therapy within the past 90 days limited to 15-day supply with first and second fills OR
- Participants with history of sedative hypnotic therapy (defined as ≥ 30 days of therapy within the last 90 days) require documented diagnosis of insomnia or chronic insomnia within the last 2 years AND
- Failure to achieve desired therapeutic outcomes with trial on 3 or more preferred agents AND
 - o Documented trial period for preferred agents OR
 - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agents
- For midazolam syrup: Clinical Consultant Review required for claims > 1 day supply
- For Dayvigo: participant has a documented therapeutic trial of Belsomra (trial defined as 30 days)
- Approval of prior authorization is 6 months

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Denial Criteria

- History of substance misuse in the last 2 years
- Participants receiving > 1 concurrent sedative hypnotic in the last 3 months
- Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents
- Therapy will be denied if all approval criteria are not met
- Claim exceed maximum dosing limitations for the following:

Drug Description	Generic Equivalent	Max Dosing Limitation	
AMBIEN 10 MG TABLET	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 tablet per day	
AMBIEN 5 MG TABLET	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 tablet per day	
AMBIEN CR 12.5 MG TABLET	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 tablet per day	
AMBIEN CR 6.25 MG TABLET	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 tablet per day	
BELSOMRA 10 MG TABLET	SUVOREXANT	1 tablet per day	
BELSOMRA 15 MG TABLET	SUVOREXANT	1 tablet per day	
BELSOMRA 20 MG TABLET	SUVOREXANT	1 tablet per day	
BELSOMRA 5 MG TABLET	SUVOREXANT	1 tablet per day	
DAYVIGO 10 MG TABLET	LEMBOREXANT	1 tablet per day	
DAYVIGO 5 MG TABLET	LEMBOREXANT	1 tablet per day	
EDLUAR 10 MG SL TABLET	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 tablet per day	
EDLUAR 5 MG SL TABLET	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 tablet per day	
ESTAZOLAM 1 MG TABLET	ESTAZOLAM	1 tablet per day	
ESTAZOLAM 2 MG TABLET	ESTAZOLAM	1 tablet per day	
FLURAZEPAM 15 MG CAPSULE	FLURAZEPAM	1 capsule per day	
FLURAZEPAM 30 MG CAPSULE	FLURAZEPAM	1 capsule per day	
HALCION 0.25 MG TABLET	TRIAZOLAM	1 tablet per day	
HETLIOZ 20 MG CAPSULE	TASIMELTEON	1 capsule per day	
INTERMEZZO 1.75 MG TAB SUBLING	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 tablet per day	
INTERMEZZO 3.5 MG TAB SUBLING	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 tablet per day	
LUNESTA 1 MG TABLET	ESZOPICLONE	1 tablet per day	
LUNESTA 2 MG TABLET	ESZOPICLONE	1 tablet per day	
LUNESTA 3 MG TABLET	ESZOPICLONE	1 tablet per day	
RESTORIL 15 MG CAPSULE	TEMAZEPAM	1 capsule per day	
RESTORIL 22.5 MG CAPSULE	TEMAZEPAM	1 capsule per day	
RESTORIL 30 MG CAPSULE	TEMAZEPAM	1 capsule per day	
RESTORIL 7.5 MG CAPSULE	TEMAZEPAM	1 capsule per day	
ROZEREM 8 MG TABLET	RAMELTEON	1 tablet per day	
SILENOR 3 MG TABLET	DOXEPIN	1 tablet per day	
SILENOR 6 MG TABLET	DOXEPIN	1 tablet per day	
SONATA 10 MG CAPSULE	ZALEPLON	1 capsule per day	
SONATA 5 MG CAPSULE	ZALEPLON	1 capsule per day	
TRIAZOLAM 0.125 MG TABLET	TRIAZOLAM	1 tablet per day	
ZOLPIMIST 5 MG ORAL SPRAY	ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1 spray pump per day	

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Required Documentation							
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Laboratory Results: MedWatch Form:		Progress Notes: Other:	X				
Disposition of Edit							
Denial: Exception Code "0160" (Preferred Drug List) Rule Type: PDL							
Default Approval Peri	od						

6 months

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