

# SmartPA Criteria Proposal

<b>Drug/Drug Class:</b>	ACE Inhibitor/ Calcium Channel Blocker Combinations PDL Edit
<b>First Implementation Date:</b>	January 26, 2005
<b>Revised Date:</b>	January 21, 2021
<b>Prepared For:</b>	MO HealthNet
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<b>Criteria Status:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Criteria <input 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:** Angiotensin-converting-enzyme-inhibitors (ACEIs) block the activation of the renin-aldosterone, which is a mediator of blood pressure. In addition to their effects on blood pressure, ACEIs are also thought to have beneficial ventricular effects following myocardial infarction (MI), in patients with heart failure, and in preventing the progression of diabetic nephropathy. Professional associations, such as the American Heart Association, and the American Diabetes Association, as well as cardiology specialists, recommend ACEIs as the standard of care for patients with recent MI, in patients at high risk for cardiovascular events, and in patients with diabetic nephropathy. ACEIs have been shown to be efficacious when used alone or in combination with diuretics or calcium channel blockers.

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"> <li>Amlodipine/Benazepril</li> <li><b>Trandolapril/Verapamil</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lotrel®</li> <li><b>Tarka®</b></li> </ul>

**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: ACE Inhibitor/ Calcium Channel Blocker Combinations
- 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 for preferred agents **OR**
  - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agents

## Denial Criteria

- Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents
- Therapy will be denied if all approval criteria are not met
- Claim exceeds maximum dosing limitation for the following:

Drug Description	Generic Equivalent	Max Dosing Limitation
LOTREL 10 MG/20 MG	AMLODIPINE/BENAZEPRIL	1 tablet per day
LOTREL 5 MG/40 MG	AMLODIPINE/BENAZEPRIL	2 tablets per day
LOTREL 10 MG/40 MG	AMLODIPINE/BENAZEPRIL	1 tablet per day
LOTREL 5 MG/20 MG	AMLODIPINE/BENAZEPRIL	1 tablet per day
LOTREL 5 MG/10 MG	AMLODIPINE/BENAZEPRIL	1 tablet per day
LOTREL 2.5 MG/10 MG	AMLODIPINE/BENAZEPRIL	1 tablet per day
TARKA 2 MG/180 MG	TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL	2 tablets per day
TARKA 2 MG/240 MG	TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL	2 tablets per day
TARKA 1 MG/240 MG	TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL	2 tablets per day
TARKA 4 MG/240 MG	TRANDOLAPRIL/VERAPAMIL	1 tablet per day

## Required Documentation

Laboratory Results:

  

Progress Notes:

  

MedWatch Form:

Other:

## Disposition of Edit

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

## Default Approval Period

1 year

## References

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