

Policy Name:	Isotretinoin Oral	Policy#:	1950P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage and initial duration of therapy limits on oral isotretinoin products.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of oral isotretinoin products when the following criteria have been met.

Criteria

1. Isotretinoin Oral

- 1.1 An electronic Managed Dose Limit (MDL) is in place that allows for up to 8 months of treatment with an oral isotretinoin agent (such as Claravis, Amnesteem, Myorisan, Zenatane, Absorica, Accutane).
- 1.2 Coverage of Absorica requires documented trial and failure (while taking with a high-fat meal), or intolerance, or contraindication to one of the following:
 - Amnesteem
 - Claravis
 - Myorisan
 - Zenatane
- 1.3 Provider can submit medical chart documentation to support medical necessity of extended treatment duration beyond the covered 8 months.
 - Maximum covered cumulative treatment dose 150mg/kg
 - Recommended treatment duration is 4 to 6 months

2. Subsequent Treatment Courses

- 2.1 Subsequent courses of isotretinoin will not be approved until the member is at least 5 months post-treatment from the previous treatment cycle

CPT Codes

HCPCS Codes

References

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