



Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure

Policy Name:	Brimonidine Tartrate Gel	Policy#:	2069P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define coverage criteria for brimonidine 0.33% gel.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of brimonidine 0.33% gel if the following criteria are met.

Criteria

- 1. Coverage Criteria**
 - 1.1 Diagnosis of rosacea
 - 1.2 Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to topical (applied to the skin) metronidazole
 - 1.3 Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to oral (taken by mouth) doxycycline
- 2. Approval Period**
 - 2.1 12 months
- 3. Managed Dose Limit**
 - 3.1 All dermatological products have a Managed Dose Limit (MDL) in place allowing only the smallest package size of each product to process
 - 3.2 Requests for larger package sizes will require documentation of medical necessity, including the following:
 - At least two previous paid claims for the product in the smallest package size within the previous month

CPT Codes

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HCPCS Codes

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References

1. Thiboutot D, Anderson R, Cook-Bolden F, et al. Standard management options for rosacea: the 2019 update by the National Rosacea Society Expert Committee. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2020;82(6):1501–1510.

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