

Policy Name:	Verquvo (vericiguat)	Policy #:	2836P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define coverage criteria for Verquvo (vericiguat) for the treatment of heart failure with reduced ejection fraction.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of Verquvo (vericiguat) under the pharmacy benefit if the following criteria are met.

Criteria

1. Coverage Criteria

- 1.1 Documented diagnosis of symptomatic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (45% or less) with previous hospitalization or consistently require intravenous diuretics (such as furosemide)
- 1.2 Ordered by or in consultation with a cardiologist (heart doctor)

2. Approval Period

- 2.1 Initial approval: 12 months
- 2.2 Subsequent approvals: 12 months based on positive response to therapy

CPT Codes

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HCPCS Codes

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References

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2. Heidenreich PA, Bozkurt B, Aguilar D, et al. 2022 AHA/ACC/HFSA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines. *Circulation*. 2022 May 3;145(18):e895-e1032.

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