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## SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

### VANTAS (histrelin acetate)

#### POLICY

##### I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

- A. FDA-Approved Indication<sup>1</sup>  
Palliative treatment of advanced prostate cancer
- B. Compendial Uses
  - 1. Prostate cancer<sup>2</sup>
  - 2. Gender dysphoria (also known as gender non-conforming or transgender persons)<sup>4-6</sup>  
**NOTE: Some plans may opt-out of coverage for gender dysphoria.**

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and are not a covered benefit.

##### II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

- A. **Prostate cancer**<sup>1-3</sup>  
Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of prostate cancer.
- B. **Gender dysphoria**<sup>4-6</sup>
  - 1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for pubertal suppression in preparation for gender reassignment in an adolescent member when ALL of the following criteria are met:
    - a. The member has a diagnosis of gender dysphoria
    - b. The member has reached Tanner stage 2 of puberty
  - 2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for gender reassignment in an adult member when ALL of the following criteria are met:
    - a. The member has a diagnosis of gender dysphoria
    - b. The member will receive Vantas concomitantly with cross sex hormones

##### III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

All members (including new members) requesting authorization for continuation of therapy must meet all initial authorization criteria.

##### IV. REFERENCES

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