

## Harvard Pilgrim Health Care – Pharmacy Prior Authorization Guideline

<b>Guideline Name</b>	<b>DPP-IV Inhibitors:</b> Nesina (alogliptin) and Onglyza (saxagliptin)
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### 1. Criteria

<b>Product Name:</b> Brand Nesina, generic alogliptin, Onglyza	
Approval Length	24 Month(s)
Therapy Stage	Initial Authorization
Guideline Type	Prior Authorization/Step Therapy, Non-Formulary
<b>Approval Criteria</b>	
1 - Trial and failure or contraindication to Januvia AND Tradjenta	

<b>Product Name:</b> Brand Nesina, generic alogliptin, Onglyza	
Approval Length	24 Month(s)
Therapy Stage	Reauthorization
Guideline Type	Prior Authorization/Step Therapy, Non-Formulary
<b>Approval Criteria</b>	
1 - Patient has experienced improvement while on therapy	

### 2. Background

<b>Benefit/Coverage/Program Information</b>
<p><b>Note: Prescriptions that meet the initial step therapy requirements will adjudicate at the point of service. If the member does not meet the initial step therapy criteria, then the prescription will deny at point of service with a message indicating that prior authorization (PA) is required.</b></p> <p>Members who do not meet the step therapy criteria at point of service will need to submit a request for clinical review. First level drug therapy required include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Januvia and Tradjenta</li> <li>• Lookback is 180 days.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Brand Nesina and Onglyza are Non-formulary. Therefore, Step Therapy point of service coding described above does NOT apply.</i></p> <p><b>RATIONALE</b></p> <p>To promote first-line use of the preferred formulary agents Januvia and Tradjenta, prior to the approval of alogliptin, Nesina, or Onglyza.</p>

**FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS**

Januvia (sitagliptin) is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with Type 2 Diabetes mellitus.

Nesina (alogliptin) is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with Type 2 Diabetes mellitus.

Onglyza (saxagliptin) is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with Type 2 Diabetes mellitus in multiple clinical settings.

Tradjenta (linagliptin) is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.

**REFERENCES**

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- Nesina (alogliptin) [prescribing information]. Deerfield, IL: Takeda Pharmaceuticals America Inc; June 2019.
- Onglyza (saxagliptin) [prescribing information]. Wilmington, DE: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP; June 2019.
- Tradjenta (linagliptin) [prescribing information]. Ridgefield, CT: Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals and Indianapolis, IN: Eli Lilly and Company; March 2020.

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Revised:

- Annual review (effective: 1/1/20)
- 5/20/20 - Clarified guideline type to include Step Therapy (effective: 6/1/20)
- 7/29/20 - Annual review: background updates; added Step Therapy details; no updates to criteria

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