

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care – Pharmacy Prior Authorization Guideline

Guideline Name	Topical Retinoids: Brand Atralin, Avita, Brand Differin, Generic adapalene cream/gel/lotion, Brand Adapalene 0.1% solution, Brand Epiduo, Generic adapalene/benzoyl peroxide gel, Brand Epiduo Forte, Fabior, Brand Retin-A, Generic tretinoin, Brand Retin-A Micro, Generic tretinoin microsphere, Brand Tazorac, Generic tazarotene cream, Tretin-X, Veltin, Brand Ziana, Generic clindamycin phosphate/tretinoin gel
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1. Criteria

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Approval Length	24 Month(s)
Therapy Stage	Initial Authorization
Guideline Type	Prior Authorization, Non-Formulary

Approval Criteria

1 - Diagnosis of ONE of the following:

- Acne
- Early stage mycosis fungoides
- Actinic keratosis
- Basal cell carcinoma
- Plaque psoriasis

AND

2 - ONE of the following:

2.1 - The requested medication is on formulary

OR

2.2 - The requested medication is non-formulary AND the patient has tried and failed TWO formulary alternatives for their condition (if available), one of which must be the generic equivalent (if available)

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Approval Length	24 Month(s)
Therapy Stage	Reauthorization
Guideline Type	Prior Authorization, Non-Formulary

Approval Criteria

- 1 - Patient has experienced improvement while on therapy

2. Background

Benefit/Coverage/Program Information

RATIONALE

In order to ensure proper utilization of topical retinoid products, HPHC has put a prior authorization in place. Topical retinoid products have often been used for cosmetic applications such as reduction and prevention of wrinkles. HPHC does not cover cosmetic products or procedures.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

- Topical tretinoin products, Atralin, Avita, Retin-A, and Tretin-X, are indicated for the treatment of acne vulgaris.
- Differin (adapalene) is indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris.
- Epiduo and Epiduo Forte (adapalene/benzoyl peroxide) are indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris.
- Tazorac 0.1% cream and 0.1% gel and Fabior (tazarotene) are indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris in patients 12 years and older.
- Tazorac 0.05% and 0.1% cream (tazarotene) are indicated for the topical treatment of plaque psoriasis in patients 18 years and older.
- Tazorac 0.05% and 0.1% gel (tazarotene) are indicated for the topical treatment of stable plaque psoriasis of up to 20% body surface area involvement in patients 12 years and older.
- Veltin (clindamycin 1.2%/tretinoin 0.025%) is indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris in patients 12 years and older.
- Ziana (clindamycin 1.2%/tretinoin 0.025%) is indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris in patients 12 years and older.

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