



Xyrem (sodium oxybate)
Xyway (oxibate salts [calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium])
Effective 03/01/2021

Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit (NLX)		
Specialty Limitations	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.		
Contact Information	Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 866-814-5506	Fax: 866-249-6155
	Non-Specialty Medications		
	MassHealth	Phone: 877-433-7643	Fax: 866-255-7569
	Commercial	Phone: 800-294-5979	Fax: 888-836-0730
	Exchange	Phone: 855-582-2022	Fax: 855-245-2134
	Medical Specialty Medications (NLX)		
	All Plans	Phone: 844-345-2803	Fax: 844-851-0882
Exceptions	Xyrem is available at Non-Specialty Pharmacies.		

Overview

Xyrem and Xyway are mediated by GABA_B receptor activity at noradrenergic, dopaminergic, and thalamocortical neurons. These medications are approved for cataplexy or excessive daytime sleepiness in narcolepsy.

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be reviewed for members new to AllWays Health Partners who are currently receiving treatment with Xyrem or Xyway excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer’s patient assistance programs.

OR

Authorization may be granted for members when ALL the following criteria are met, and documentation is provided:

1. The member has a diagnosis of cataplexy or excessive daytime sleepiness in narcolepsy
2. The member is 7 years of age or older
3. The diagnosis is confirmed by sleep lab evaluation
4. The member has had inadequate response, intolerance, or contraindication to at least one central nervous system (CNS) stimulant drug (e.g., amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, or methylphenidate)
5. For members 18 years of age or older, the member has had an inadequate response, intolerance, or contraindication to at least one CNS wakefulness promoting drug (e.g., modafinil, armodafinil)

Continuation criteria:

Reauthorization requires physician documentation of continuation of therapy and positive response to therapy. Physician documents decreased daytime sleepiness with narcolepsy or a decrease in cataplexy episodes with narcolepsy.



Limitations

1. Initial approvals and reauthorizations will be granted for 12 months.
2. Quantity limits may apply

Drug	Quantity Limit
Xyrem	540mL per 30 days
Xyway	540mL per 30 days

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Review History

01/23/2020 – Reviewed and Updated Jan P&T, Transitioned from SGM to Custom Criteria, added PA and QL Xyway to criteria. Effective 3/1/21.

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