

**Altanax (retapamulin) 1% ointment**  
Effective 06/25/2018

<b>Plan</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	<b>Program Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization
<b>Benefit</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit (NLX)		<input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
<b>Specialty Limitations</b>	N/A		
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Specialty Medications</b>		
	All Plans	Phone: 866-814-5506	Fax: 866-249-6155
	<b>Non-Specialty Medications</b>		
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	Commercial	Phone: 800-294-5979	Fax: 888-836-0730
	Exchange	Phone: 855-582-2022	Fax: 855-245-2134
	<b>Medical Specialty Medications (NLX)</b>		
	All Plans	Phone: 844-345-2803	Fax: 844-851-0882
<b>Exceptions</b>	N/A		

### Overview

Altanax, a pleuromutilin antibacterial, is indicated for the topical treatment of impetigo due to *Staphylococcus aureus* (methicillin-susceptible isolates only) or *Streptococcus pyogenes* in patients aged 9 months or older. (1) Safety in patients younger than 9 months has not been established.

### Coverage Guidelines

1. The member has impetigo caused by the *Staphylococcus aureus* (methicillin-susceptible isolates) or *Streptococcus pyogenes* species **AND**
2. The member has tried generic mupirocin ointment for the requested diagnosis  
**OR**
3. The member has had a side effect, allergy, or treatment failure with mupirocin ointment

Pharmacist's Note: mupirocin ointment is available without prior authorization; however, generic mupirocin cream requires a prior authorization

### Limitations

Approvals are granted for one fill of a 7-day supply.

### References

1. Altanax (retapamulin) [prescribing information]. Research Triangle Park, NC: GlaxoSmithKline; September 2019

### Review History

02/05/2008 – Reviewed P&T Mtg

04/15/2008 – Implemented



06/15/2009 – Reviewed & Updated P& T Mtg  
06/21/2010 – Reviewed P&T Mtg  
06/27/2011 – Reviewed P&T Mtg  
06/25/2012 – Reviewed P&T Mtg  
06/24/2013 – Reviewed P&T Mtg  
06/23/2014 – Reviewed P&T Mtg  
06/22/2015 – Reviewed & Updated P&T Mtg  
06/27/2016 – Reviewed P&T Mtg  
06/25/2018 – Reviewed P&T Mtg  
01/22/2019 – Reviewed P&T Mtg  
1/22/2020 – Reviewed at P&T  
05/19/2021 - Reviewed at P&T May P&T; references updated.

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