Altabax (retapamulin) 1% ointment
Effective June 25, 2018

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Specialty Limitations: N/A

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

Contact Information

Overview
ALTABAX, 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 for a 7-day supply.

References
1. Altabax® [package insert]. © 2016 Aqua Pharmaceuticals. All rights reserved. May 2016

Review History
02/05/08 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
04/15/08 – Implemented
06/15/09 – Reviewed & Updated P&T Mtg
06/21/10 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/27/11 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/25/12 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/24/13 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/23/14 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/22/15 – Reviewed & Updated P&T Mtg
06/27/16 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/25/18 – Reviewed P&T Mtg

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