Celecoxib
Effective August 1, 2019

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**Overview**

Celecoxib is FDA indicated for relief of the signs and symptoms of the following conditions:

- Acute pain
- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
- Osteoarthritis
- Primary dysmenorrhea
- Rheumatoid arthritis

**Coverage Guidelines**

Authorization may be granted for members who are currently receiving treatment with celecoxib excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer’s patient assistance programs.

**OR**

Authorization may be granted when the following criteria is met and documentation has been provided:

1. The member is 2 years or older with a confirmed diagnosis of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) **OR**
2. Member is < 60 years of age **AND**
3. Has any of the following conditions:
   - Member is currently taking warfarin (Coumadin) or long-term corticosteroid therapy
   - Member has a documented past medical history of GI ulcers or bleeding
   - Member has clinical evidence of thrombocytopenia or a coagulation abnormality
   - Member has a history of gastric bypass surgery
   - Member has had a trial and documented side effect, allergy or treatment failure with at least three (3) generic NSAIDs for this indication
* Please note: Requests for celecoxib for members ≥ 60 years do not require PA

**Limitations**
1. Authorizations will be approved for 36 months.

**References**
1. Celebrex (celecoxib) [prescribing information]. New York, NY: Pfizer Inc; June 2018
2. Celebrex gets committee nod for juvenile arthritis, but safety registry urged. "The Pink Sheet" 20068(49):7

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