

**Cystaran (cysteamine)  
Effective 11/01/20**

<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>	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.		
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Specialty Medications</b>		
	All Plans	Phone: 866-814-5506	Fax: 866-249-6155
	<b>Non-Specialty Medications</b>		
	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
	<b>Medical Specialty Medications (NLX)</b>		
	All Plans	Phone: 844-345-2803	Fax: 844-851-0882
<b>Exceptions</b>	N/A		

**Overview**

Cysteamine reacts with cystine within the lysosome to convert it to cysteine and to a cysteine-cysteamine mixed disulfide, both of which can then exit the lysosome to reduce corneal cystine crystal accumulation in patients with cystinosis, an inherited defect of lysosomal transport.

**Coverage Guidelines**

Authorization may be granted for members who are currently receiving treatment with Cystaran 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 corneal cystine accumulation with cystinosis
2. The provider specialty is an ophthalmologist or drug is being is in consultation with a ophthalmologist.

**Continuation of Therapy**

Reauthorization requires physician documentation of improvement of member’s condition.

**Limitations**

Authorizations will be approved for 24 months

**References**

1. Cystaran (cysteamine) [prescribing information]. Gaithersburg, MD: Leadiant Biosciences; April 2020.



### **Review History**

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