

Dihydroergotamine mesylate nasal spray
Effective 10/01/2022

Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit (NLX)		
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
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	N/A		

Overview

Dihydroergotamine mesylate nasal spray is used for the treatment of acute migraine headaches with or without aura by activation of serotonin (5HT), noradrenaline, and dopamine receptors located on intracranial blood vessels resulting in vasoconstriction.

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be granted for members who are new to the plan and currently receiving treatment with dihydroergotamine nasal spray excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer’s patient assistance program

OR

Approval of dihydroergotamine mesylate nasal spray will be granted if the member meets all the following criteria and documentation has been provided:

- The member has a diagnosis of acute migraine headaches with or without aura
- The member is 18 years of age or older
- The member has had inadequate response, adverse reaction, or contraindication to intranasal sumatriptan
- The member has had inadequate response, adverse reaction, or contraindication to intranasal Zomig (zolmitriptan)
- The quantity being prescribed does not exceed 8 units (vials) per 30 days

Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorization will be granted if documentation is submitted indicating a positive response to therapy

Limitations



1. Initial approvals will be granted for 6 months
2. Reauthorizations will be granted for 1 year

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Review History

11/20/2019 – Reviewed at P&T

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