

**Lucemyra (lofexidine)  
Effective 08/01/19**

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

### Overview

Lucemyra (lofexidine) is a central alpha-2 adrenergic agonist used to mitigate opioid withdrawal symptoms to facilitate abrupt opioid discontinuation in adults.

### Coverage Guidelines

Must meet all the following and documentation is submitted

1. Medication is being used to facilitate abrupt opioid discontinuation
2. Member is at least 18 years of age
3. Member has had an adverse reaction or inadequate response or a contraindication to oral clonidine
4. Opioid medications have been discontinued
5. Requested duration of therapy is 14 days or less

### Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorization may be granted intervals when all the following criteria have been met:

1. Physician assessment is provided documenting member's clinical response
2. Member has not filled opioid medications
3. Physician is titrating dose down based on member's response.

### Limitations

1. Approvals will be granted for 14 days
2. The following quantity limits apply:

Lucemyra	0.72mg (4x0.18mg tablets) four times a day
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	If Lucemyra was initiated in an inpatient setting, the total course of therapy should not exceed 14 days.
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