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2024 Dean Health Plan Step B Therapy Criteria

Dean Advantage (HMO/HMO-POS)

Please read: This document contains information about our Step Therapy Criteria

Step Therapy: In some cases, Dean Health Plan requires you to first try certain drugs to treat your medical condition before we will cover another drug for that condition. For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat your medical condition Dean Health Plan may not cover Drug B unless you try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work for you, Dean Health Plan will then cover Drug B.

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Category	Preferred drug(s) Drug A	Non-Preferred drug(s) Drug B
Visco supplements	Synvisc-one,Synvisc, Hyalagan, Hymovis and triluron	durolane, glesyn-3, supartz FX, Synvisc, Euflexxa, Gel-one, Genvisc 850, Mono-visc, Sodium Hyaluronate, TriVisc, Visco-3
Osteoporosis	Oral bisphosphonate trial (alendronate, ibandronate, or risedronate)	Prolia (for a diagnosis of osteoporosis with high risk of fracture) and Evenity
Prevention of skeletal related events in patients with multiple	Reclast (zoledronic acid)	Xgeva (denosumab
Treatment of hypercalcemia of malignancy myeloma	Reclast (zoledronic acid)	Xgeva (denosumab
Colony Stimulating Factors Short Acting	Zarxio or Nivestym	Neupogen/Granix
Pegfilgrastim	Ziextenzo, Fulphila or Nyvepria	Neulasta/Udenyca
Filgrastim	Zarxio or Nivestym	Leukine
Avastin	Mvasi or Zirabev	Avastin
HER 2 Expression	Herumza, or Trazimera	Herceptin, Kanjinti, Ogivri
Rituximab	Truxima or Ruxience	Rituxan hycela/Rituxan
Infliximab	Renflexis	Remicade
Migraine	Emgality and Aimovig	Vyepti
Crohn's	infliximab or Humira	Entyvio
Relapsing MS	**1** of the following: Glatiramer acetate , Glatopa dimethyl fumarate	Ocrevus
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Gout	Allopurinol, Febuxostat	Krystexxa
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Enbrel , Humira, Rinvoq	Orencia (Rheumatoid Arthritis)

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Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA	Enbrel, Humira and Methotrexate inj	Orencia (Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA)
Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA	Enbrel, Humira and Methotrexate inj	Actemra (Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA))
Psoriatic Arthritis	Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Taltz, Stelara	Orencia (Psoriatic Arthritis)
Psoriatic Arthritis	Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Taltz, Stelara	Simponi Aria (Psoriatic Arthritis)
ankylosing spondylitis	Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx	Simponi Aria (ankylosing spondylitis)
Asthma	Systemic Oral corticosteroid, medium or High dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) in combination with long-acting beta agonist (LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist, tiotropium; Systemic Injectable: corticosteroids	Xolair (asthma)
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Idiopathic Urticaria	Injectable or oral H1 antihistamines	Xolair (Idiopathic Urticaria)
Systemic Lupus Erythematosis	hydroxychloroquine, methotrexate, azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil	Benlysta
Systemic Lupus	hydroxychloroquine, methotrexate, azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil	Saphnelo
Relapsing MS	**1** of the following: Glatiramer acetate , Glatopa dimethyl fumarate	Tysabri
Crohn’s Disease	Humira and infliximab	Tysabri
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Resistant Depression	Oral Anti-depressants	Spravato

Unable to meet LDL goal + heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) or clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)	Lipitor or Crestor	Leqvio (inclisiran)
Unable to tolerate statin therapy + heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) or clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)	Two attempts with statin therapy	Leqvio (inclisiran)
Iron Replacement	Venofer/Infed/Ferrecit/Fereheme	Triferic/Injectafer/Monoferric/Triferic AVNU
High Cholesterol	Repatha or Praulent	Eveeka
Erythropoietic Agents	Retacrit	Procrit