

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Dalfampridine</b>	<b>Policy #:</b>	<b>1854P</b>
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## Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage of dalfampridine (generic Ampyra).

## Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of dalfampridine (generic Ampyra) under the specialty pharmacy benefit when the criteria below have been met.

## Criteria

### 1. Coverage Criteria

- 1.1 Diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS)  
Prescribed by a neurologist (nervous system doctor)
- 1.2 Patient must be 18 years of age or older
- 1.3 Ambulatory (able to walk)
- 1.4 No history of seizures
- 1.5 25-foot walk Test Completion
  - Initial coverage: Member has completed two (2) in office 25-foot timed walk tests (with no more than five (5) minute break between tests) AND the average time is submitted as baseline
  - Continued coverage: Member has achieved a 20% decrease in time to walk 25 feet from baseline while on treatment with Ampyra
  - All walk tests must be conducted in office by ordering prescriber
- 1.6 Documentation that patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis are on concurrent therapy with a disease modifying agent (such as Aubagio)

### 2. Authorization Criteria

- 2.1 Initial approval: 12 months
- 2.2 Subsequent approvals: 12 months approval based on therapeutic response defined as at least a 20% decrease in the average 25 foot walk test time compared to baseline

### 3. Discontinuation Criteria

- 3.1 Experience a seizure, OR
- 3.2 Kidney impairment with a creatinine clearance less than (<) 80mL/min, OR
- 3.3 Wheelchair bound

## CPT Codes

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## HCPCS Codes

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