

Policy Name: Tazorac (tazarotene)

Policy#: 1899P

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define coverage criteria for Tazorac (tazarotene)

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of Tazorac (tazarotene) under the pharmacy benefit if the following criteria are met.

Criteria

1. Coverage Criteria for Acne

- 1.1 Documented diagnosis of acne vulgaris
- 1.2 Documented trial and failure of at least two formulary generic agents (e.g., topical agents such as tretinoin, adapalene, or oral tetracyclines) or documented contraindication to all topical agent and oral tetracyclines

2. Coverage Criteria for Plaque Psoriasis

- 2.1 Documented diagnosis of plaque psoriasis
- 2.2 Documented trial and failure of two topical formulary generic agents (e.g., corticosteroids, retinoids) required

3. Managed Dose Limit

- 3.1 All skin products have a Managed Dose Limit (MDL) in place allowing only the smallest package size of each product to process
- 3.2 Requests for larger package sizes will require documentation of medical necessity, including the following:
 - At least two previous paid claims for the product in the smallest package size within the previous month

4. Approval Period

- 4.1 12 months

CPT Codes

HCPCS Codes

References

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