

Policy Name:	Thiola (tiopronin)	Policy #:	2324P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish prior authorization criteria for Thiola (tiopronin), Thiola EC, and tiopronin.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of Thiola, Thiola EC, and tiopronin when the following criteria have been met.

Criteria

- 1. Coverage Criteria**
 - 1.1 Diagnosis of severe homozygous cystinuria with urinary cysteine > 500mg/day
 - 1.2 Prescribed by a Urologist (urinary tract doctor) or nephrologist (kidney doctor)
 - 1.3 Documentation that patient has tried conservative measures (high fluid intake, alkali and diet modification, sodium and protein restriction)
- 2. Approval Period**
 - 2.1 12 months

CPT Codes

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HCPCS Codes

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