

Policy Name:	Inbrija (levodopa inhalation powder)	Policy #:	2695P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage of Inbrija.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of Inbrija under the specialty pharmacy benefit, when the following criteria have been met:

Criteria

- 1. Coverage Criteria**
 - 1.1 Diagnosis of advanced Parkinson's disease
 - 1.2 Age 18 years of age
 - 1.3 Ordered by or in consultation with a neurologist (doctor of the central nervous system)
 - 1.4 Documentation that member is experiencing "off" episodes (return of Parkinson's symptoms) while receiving a carbidopa/levodopa regiment where:
 - Attempts have been made to adjust the carbidopa/levodopa's dose and/or formulation in order to manage symptoms without success
 - Member will continue receiving with carbidopa/levodopa in combination with Inbrija
 - 1.5 Member has had previous inadequate responses, intolerance, or contraindication to at least two different classes of medications for the treatment of Parkinson's disease
 - Monoamine oxidase type B inhibitors
 - Dopamine agonists
 - Catechol-O-methyl transferase inhibitors
- 2. Approval Period**
 - 2.1 Initial Approval: 12 months
 - 2.2 Reapproval: 12 months with documented stabilization of disease or in absence of disease progression

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HCPCS Codes

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References

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