

Capsaicin Patch



Included Products: Qutenza (capsaicin)

Nonformulary for outpatient benefit. PA required on medical benefit.

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All Diagnoses			
Initial Criteria		If yes	If no
1.	Does the member have a diagnosis of postherpetic neuralgia?	Continue to #2.	Continue to #3.
2.	Has the member failed ALL of the following? a. Capsaicin cream, AND b. Tricyclic antidepressant (amitriptyline, nortriptyline, desipramine), AND c. Gabapentin, AND d. Lyrica, AND e. Lidocaine patch	Continue to #5.	Do not approve.
3.	Does the member have a diagnosis of diabetic peripheral neuropathy of the feet?	Continue to #4.	Do not approve
4.	Has the member failed ALL of the following? a. Capsaicin cream, AND b. Tricyclic antidepressant (amitriptyline, nortriptyline, desipramine), AND c. Gabapentin, AND d. Lyrica, AND e. Lidocaine patch, AND f. Duloxetine	Continue to #5	Do not approve.
5.	Approve for 3 months, up to 4 patches. Must be administered by a healthcare professional.		