

Altabax (retapamulin) 1% ointment
Effective 06/25/2018

Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit (NLX)		
Specialty Limitations	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.		
Contact Information	Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 866-814-5506	Fax: 866-249-6155
	Non-Specialty Medications		
	MassHealth	Phone: 877-433-7643	Fax: 866-255-7569
	Commercial	Phone: 800-294-5979	Fax: 888-836-0730
	Exchange	Phone: 855-582-2022	Fax: 855-245-2134
	Medical Specialty Medications (NLX)		
	All Plans	Phone: 844-345-2803	Fax: 844-851-0882
Exceptions			

Overview

Altabax, a pleuromutilin antibacterial, is indicated for the topical treatment of impetigo due to *Staphylococcus aureus* (methicillin-susceptible isolates only) or *Streptococcus pyogenes* in patients aged 9 months or older. (1) Safety in patients younger than 9 months has not been established.

Coverage Guidelines

- The member has impetigo caused by the *Staphylococcus aureus* (methicillin-susceptible isolates) or *Streptococcus pyogenes* species **AND**
- The member has tried generic mupirocin ointment for the requested diagnosis
OR
- The member has had a side effect, allergy, or treatment failure with mupirocin ointment

Pharmacist's Note: mupirocin ointment is available without prior authorization; however, generic mupirocin cream requires a prior authorization

Limitations

Approvals are granted for one fill of a 7-day supply.

References

Altabax (retapamulin) [prescribing information]. Malvern, PA: Almirall LLC; August 2021

Review History

02/05/2008 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
04/15/2008 – Implemented
06/15/2009 – Reviewed & Updated P& T Mtg
06/21/2010 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
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06/24/2013 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/23/2014 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/22/2015 – Reviewed & Updated P&T Mtg
06/27/2016 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
06/25/2018 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
01/22/2019 – Reviewed P&T Mtg
01/22/2020 – Reviewed at P&T
05/19/2021 - Reviewed at P&T May P&T; references updated.
09/21/2022 - Reviewed Sept. P&T; references updated; separated out MH vs. Comm/Exch.

