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

Plan	☐ MassHealth UPPL ☒ Commercial/Exchange		**Program Type**	☒ Prior Authorization ☐ Quantity Limit ☐ Step Therapy
Benefit	☒ Pharmacy Benefit ☐ Medical Benefit			
Specialty Limitations	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.			
Contact Information	**Medical and Specialty Medications**			
	All Plans	Phone: 877-519-1908		Fax: 855-540-3693
	Non-Specialty Medications			
	All Plans	Phone: 800-711-4555		Fax: 844-403-1029
Exceptions	N/A			

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

1. The member has impetigo caused by the Staphylococcus aureus (methicillin-susceptible isolates) or Streptococcus pyogenes species **AND**
2. The member has tried generic mupirocin ointment for the requested diagnosis **OR**
3. 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
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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.