

**Kerendia (finerenone)**  
**Effective 03/01/2022**

<b>Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	<b>Program Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
<b>Benefit</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		
<b>Specialty Limitations</b>	N/A		
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Medical and Specialty Medications</b>		
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<b>Exceptions</b>	<b>Non-Specialty Medications</b>		
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### Overview

Kerendia is indicated to reduce the risk of sustained eGFR decline, end-stage kidney disease, cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, and hospitalization for heart failure in adult patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) associated with type 2 diabetes (T2D).

### Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be granted for members new to the plan who are currently receiving treatment with Kerendia, excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance program  
**OR**

Approval of Kerendia will be granted if the member meets all following criteria and documentation has been submitted:

1. The member has a diagnosis of chronic kidney disease (CKD) associated with type 2 diabetes (T2D)
2. The member meets ONE of the following:
  - a. The member has a paid claim or physician documented use of a sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitor with renal benefit (ex. Farxiga, Invokana)
  - b. The member has intolerance or contraindication to SGLT2 inhibitor with renal benefit (ex. Farxiga, Invokana)
3. The member meets ONE of the following:
  - a. The member has a paid claim or physician documented use of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEi) or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)
  - b. The member has intolerance or contraindication to an ACEi or ARB

### Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorization requires physician documentation of continuation of therapy and positive response to therapy.

### Limitations

1. Initial approvals and reauthorizations will be granted for 12 months
2. The following quantity limits apply:

Kerendia	30 tablets per 30 days
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### References

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### Review History

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