Mass General Brigham
Health Plan

Leqselvi (deuruxilitinib)
Effective 12/01/2025

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 a specialty medication 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
Leqselvi (deuruxlitinib) is a Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adults with severe alopecia areata.

Leqseliv is not recommended for use in combination with other JAK inhibitors, biologic immunomodulators, cyclosporine, or other potent immunosuppressants.

Coverage Guidelines
Authorization may be granted for members new to the plan within the past 90 days who are currently receiving treatment with the requested medication, excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs
OR
Authorization may be granted when all the following criteria are met:

1. Member is 18 years of age or older
2. Diagnosis of severe alopecia areata
3. Member has at least 50% scalp hair loss (e.g., Severity of Alopecia Tool (SALT) score of 50 or higher)
4. Other forms of alopecia have been ruled out (e.g., androgenetic alopecia, trichotillomania, telogen effluvium, chemotherapy-induced hair loss, tinea capitis)
5. Trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to one of the following:
    a. Litfulo (ritlecitinib)
    b. Olumiant (baricitinib)

<u>Continuation of Therapy</u>
Requests for reauthorization will be approved when the following criteria are met:

1. Documentation is submitted supporting improvement in signs and symptoms of alopecia areata from baseline (e.g., increased hair on scalp, eyebrows, eyelashes)

Limitations

1. Initial approvals will be granted for 36 weeks

2. Reauthorizations will be granted for 12 months
3. The following quantity limits apply:

Drug Name and Dosage Form	Quantity Limit
Leqselvi tablet	2 tablets per day

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