

Relistor (methylnaltrexone)
Effective 02/26/2018

Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
Contact Information	Medical and Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 877-519-1908	Fax: 855-540-3693
Exceptions	Non-Specialty Medications		
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Overview

Relistor is indicated for opioid-induced constipation in adults with chronic noncancer pain, including patients with chronic pain related to prior cancer or its treatment who do not require frequent (e.g. weekly) opioid dosage escalation.

Coverage Guidelines

1. Member has a diagnosis of opioid-induced constipation (OIC) **AND**
2. Member has experienced an inadequate response or intolerance to treatment with at least two (2) different laxative agents (e.g., milk of magnesia, lactulose, polyethylene glycol [PEG], psyllium, senna, bisacodyl, etc.) **AND**
3. Member has experienced an inadequate response or intolerance to treatment with Amitiza[®] (lubiprostone).

Limitations

1. Approvals will be granted for 12 months.

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