

Vtama (tapinarof) 1% Cream
Effective 01/01/2025

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		
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Exceptions	Non-Specialty Medications		
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Overview

Vtama (tapinarof) 1% cream is an aryl hydrocarbon receptor agonist indicated for the topical treatment of plaque psoriasis in adults.

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 the following diagnosis-specific criteria is met:

1. The member is 18 years of age or older
2. The member has a diagnosis of plaque psoriasis
3. The member meets ONE of the following:
 - a. The member has had inadequate treatment response, intolerance or has contraindication to a topical steroid
 - b. The medication will be used on sensitive skin area (e.g., face, genitals, or skin folds)

Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorization requires physician documentation of improvement of member’s condition.

Limitations

1. Initial approvals and reauthorizations will be granted for 6 months.
2. The following quantity limits apply:

Drug Name	Quantity Limit
Vtama 1% cream	60 grams per 30 days

Appendix

Appendix: Relative potency of select topical corticosteroid products

Potency	Drug	Dosage form	Strength
Super-high potency	Augmented betamethasone dipropionate	Ointment, Lotion, Gel	0.05%
	Clobetasol propionate	Cream, Gel, Ointment, Solution, Cream (emollient), Lotion, Shampoo, Foam, Spray	0.05%
	Fluocinonide	Cream	0.1%
	Flurandrenolide	Tape	4 mcg/cm ²
	Halobetasol propionate	Cream, Lotion, Ointment, Foam	0.05%
High potency	Amcinonide	Ointment	0.1%
	Augmented betamethasone dipropionate	Cream	0.05%
	Betamethasone dipropionate	Ointment	0.05%
	Clobetasol propionate	Cream	0.025%
	Desoximetasone	Cream, Ointment, Spray	0.25%
		Gel	0.05%
	Diflorasone diacetate	Ointment, Cream (emollient)	0.05%
	Fluocinonide	Cream, Ointment, Gel, Solution	0.05%
	Halcinonide	Cream, Ointment	0.1%
	Halobetasol propionate	Lotion	0.01%
High potency	Amcinonide	Cream, Lotion	0.1%
	Betamethasone dipropionate	Cream, hydrophilic emollient	0.05%
	Betamethasone valerate	Ointment	0.1%
		Foam	0.12%
	Desoximetasone	Cream, Ointment	0.05%
	Diflorasone diacetate	Cream	0.05%
	Fluocinonide	Cream, aqueous emollient	0.05%
	Fluticasone propionate	Ointment	0.005%
	Mometasone furoate	Ointment	0.1%
Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream, Ointment	0.5%	
Medium potency	Betamethasone dipropionate	Spray	0.05%
	Clocortolone pivalate	Cream	0.1%
	Fluocinolone acetonide	Ointment	0.025%
	Flurandrenolide	Ointment	0.05%
	Hydrocortisone valerate	Ointment	0.2%
	Mometasone furoate	Cream, Lotion, Solution	0.1%
	Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream	0.1%



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		Ointment	0.05% and 0.1%
		Aerosol Spray	0.2 mg per 2-second spray

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