

**Eucrisa (crisaborole)  
Opzelura (ruxolitinib)  
Effective 04/01/2025**

<b>Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange		<b>Program Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization
<b>Benefit</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit			<input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
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### Overview

Eucrisa (crisaborole) is a topical phosphodiesterase-4 (PDE-4) inhibitor indicated for treatment of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis in adults and pediatric patients at least 3 months of age.

Opzelura (ruxolitinib) is a Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitor indicated for:

- the topical short-term and non-continuous chronic treatment of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis in non-immunocompromised patients 12 years of age and older whose disease is not adequately controlled with topical prescription therapies or when those therapies are not advisable. Note: patients should be advised to apply to affected areas of up to 20% body surface area.
- Topical treatment of nonsegmental vitiligo in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older. Note: patients should be advised to apply to affected areas of up to 10% body surface area.

### 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 for members when ALL the following criteria are met

#### Eucrisa

- Member is diagnosed with mild to moderate atopic dermatitis
- The member is at least 3 months old
- The member meets ONE of the following:
  - The member has experienced an inadequate response or intolerance to a medium or higher potency topical corticosteroid (see Appendix) or a topical calcineurin inhibitor
  - The member has a contraindication to both topical corticosteroids and topical calcineurin inhibitors

#### Opzelura

##### Atopic Dermatitis

1. Requested medication is being used for topical short-term and non-continuous chronic treatment of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis
2. Member is 12 years of age or older
3. Member meets ONE of the following:
  - a. Member has experienced an inadequate response or intolerance to a medium or higher potency topical corticosteroid (see Appendix) or a topical calcineurin inhibitor
  - b. Member has a contraindication to both topical corticosteroids and topical calcineurin inhibitors

#### Vitiligo

1. Diagnosis of nonsegmental vitiligo
2. Member is 12 years of age or older
3. Member meets ONE of the following:
  - a. Member has experienced an inadequate response or intolerance to at least ONE medication from one of the following categories: corticosteroids, topical calcineurin inhibitors
  - b. Contraindication to all of the following: corticosteroids, topical calcineurin inhibitors.

#### Continuation of Therapy

Requests for reauthorization will be approved when the following criteria are met:

1. **Atopic Dermatitis:** Documentation has been submitted supporting clinical improvement in the member's condition as evidenced by low disease activity (e.g., clear or almost clear skin), or improvement in signs and symptoms of atopic dermatitis (e.g., redness, itching, oozing/crusting).
2. **Vitiligo:** Documentation has been submitted supporting clinical improvement in the member's condition as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms (e.g., improvement in depigmentation score).

#### **Limitations**

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

Drug Name	Quantity Limit
Eucrisa	60 grams per 30 days

#### **Appendix**

##### **Appendix A: Topical Corticosteroid Reference (not all inclusive)**

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 <sup>2</sup>
	Halobetasol propionate	Cream, Lotion, Ointment, Foam	0.05%
High potency	Amcinonide	Ointment	0.1%
	Augmented betamethasone dipropionate	Cream	0.05%



Potency	Drug	Dosage form	Strength
	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%
Medium potency	Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream, Ointment	0.5%
	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%
		Ointment	0.05% and 0.1%
		Aerosol Spray	0.2 mg per 2-second spray

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## Review History

07/21/2021- Reviewed at July P&T; Switched from CVS Standard criteria to custom template.

01/19/2022 – Reviewed and updated for Jan P&T; added new drug Opzelura to criteria. Reauthorization criteria was clarified to include examples of positive response to therapy (improvement in erythema, exudation, excoriation, induration/papulation, lichenification, or pruritis). Effective 03/01/2022.

01/11/2023 – Reviewed and Updated for Jan P&T; added new indication of vitiligo for Opzelura. References updated. Effective 4/1/2023

11/15/2023 – Reviewed and Updated for Nov P&T; Removed TB requirement for Opzelura. Effective 1/1/2024

01/08/2025 – Reviewed and updated for January P&T. Updated Opzelura criteria to remove Eucrisa step requirement. Updated Opzelura atopic dermatitis criteria to require step through with either a topical corticosteroid or calcineurin inhibitor and removed Eucrisa step requirement. Removed BSA restriction from Opzelura atopic dermatitis criteria. Streamlined reauthorization criteria language. Effective 04/01/2025.

02/12/2025 – Reviewed and updated for February P&T. Updated Opzelura vitiligo criteria, requiring a single step instead of a double step. Updated initial approval length for Opzelura from 3 months to 12 months. Effective 04/01/2025.

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