Mass General Brigham
Health Plan

Lucemyra (lofexidine)
Effective 01/01/2024

Plan	☐ MassHealth UPPL ☒Commercial/Exchange	**Program Type**	☒ Prior Authorization ☐ Quantity Limit ☐ Step Therapy
Benefit	☒ Pharmacy Benefit ☐ Medical Benefit		
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
Contact Information	**Medical Benefit** **Pharmacy Benefit**	Phone: 833-895-2611 Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 888-656-6671 Fax: 844-403-1029
Exceptions	N/A		

Overview
Lucemyra (lofexidine) is a central alpha-2 adrenergic agonist used to mitigate opioid withdrawal symptoms to facilitate abrupt opioid discontinuation in adults.

Coverage Guidelines
Authorization may be reviewed for members new to the plan 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, and documentation is provided:

1. Medication is being used to facilitate abrupt opioid discontinuation
2. Member is at least 18 years of age
3. Member has had an adverse reaction or inadequate response or a contraindication to oral clonidine
4. Opioid medications have been discontinued
5. Requested duration of therapy is 14 days or less

<u>Continuation of Therapy</u>
Reauthorization may be granted intervals when all the following criteria have been met:

1. Physician assessment is provided documenting member's clinical response
2. Member has not filled opioid medications
3. Physician is titrating dose down based on member's response.

Limitations

1. Approvals will be granted for 14 days
2. The following quantity limits apply:

Lucemyra	0.72mg (4x0.18mg tablets) four times a day If Lucemyra was initiated in an inpatient setting, the total course of therapy should not exceed 14 days.

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Review History

04/17/18 – Reviewed
08/01/19 – Implemented
09/22/2021- Reviewed Sept P&T; references updated no clinical changes.
11/15/2023 – Reviewed and updated for Nov P&T; added started and stabilized statement. Effective 1/1/24