

Corlanor (ivabradine)
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Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization
Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit (NLX)		<input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
Contact Information	Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 866-814-5506	Fax: 866-249-6155
	Non-Specialty Medications		
	MassHealth	Phone: 877-433-7643	Fax: 866-255-7569
	Commercial	Phone: 800-294-5979	Fax: 888-836-0730
	Exchange	Phone: 855-582-2022	Fax: 855-245-2134
	Medical Specialty Medications (NLX)		
	All Plans	Phone: 844-345-2803	Fax: 844-851-0882
Exceptions	N/A		

Overview

Corlanor (ivabradine) is a hyperpolarization-activated cyclic nucleotide-gated (HCN) channel blocker. The HCN channels help to generate rhythmic activity with groups of the heart and brain cells. Ivabradine is FDA indicated to reduce the risk of hospitalization for worsening heart failure in patients with stable, symptomatic chronic heart failure with left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) $\leq 35\%$, who are in sinus rhythm with resting heart rate ≥ 70 beats per minute, and either are on maximally tolerated doses of beta-blockers or have a contraindication to beta-blocker use.

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be granted for members new to the plan who are currently receiving treatment with Corlanor excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance program

OR

Approval of Corlanor will be granted if the member meets all following criteria and documentation has been submitted:

1. The prescriber is a cardiologist, or consult with a cardiologist is provided
2. For members ≥ 18 years or older: resting heart rate of ≥ 70 beats per minute (bpm)
3. For members 6 months to 17 years of age: resting heart rate is in the normal range according to age (*see Appendix*)
4. The member meets one of the following:
 - a. member is currently receiving a beta-blocker (carvedilol, metoprolol succinate or bisoprolol) at maximally tolerated age appropriate doses
 - b. member has had an adverse reaction to a beta-blocker **or**
 - c. clinical rationale why a beta-blocker cannot be used has been submitted **and** one of the following:



- i. member had received standard of care therapy with an ACE inhibitor, ARB, or angiotensin-receptor neprilysin inhibitor (ARNI) in combination with a beta-blocker
- ii. clinical rationale why member cannot receive standard of care therapy with an ACE inhibitor, ARB, or ARNI in combination with a beta-blocker has been submitted.

Limitations

- 1. Approvals will be granted for 24 months

Appendix

Normal Resting Heart Rate and Bradycardia for Age:

Age	Normal	Bradycardia
6-12 months	≥ 105 bpm	< 80 bpm
>1 year to < 3 years	≥ 95 bpm	< 70 bpm
3-5 years	≥ 75 bpm	< 50 bpm
>5 years	≥ 70 bpm	< 50 bpm

References

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- 3. Mathew ST, Po SS, Thadani U. Inappropriate sinus tachycardia-symptom and heart rate reduction with ivabradine: A pooled analysis of prospective studies. Heart Rhythm 2018; 15:240
- 4. Ptaszynski P, Kaczmarek K, Ruta J, et al. Metoprolol succinate vs. ivabradine in the treatment of inappropriate sinus tachycardia in patients unresponsive to previous pharmacological therapy. Europace 2013; 15:116

Review History

11/20/19 – Reviewed at P&T

11/18/2020- Reviewed at P&T

07/21/2021-Reviewed at P&T; no clinical changes.

11/16/2022 – Reviewed for Nov P&T. Separated out MH vs Comm/Exch. No clinical changes

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