Dalfampridine ER (Ampyra)
Effective 08/01/2020

Plan	☒ MassHealth ☐Commercial/Exchange	**Program Type**	☒ Prior Authorization ☒ Quantity Limit ☐ Step Therapy
Benefit	☒ Pharmacy Benefit ☐ Medical Benefit (NLX)		
Specialty Limitations	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.		
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
Dalfampridine ER is a potassium channel blocker indicated to improve walking in adult patients with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Coverage Guidelines
Authorization may be granted for members who are currently receiving treatment with dalfampridine ER, excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs
OR
Authorization may be granted for members with multiple sclerosis (MS) when ALL the following criteria are met, and documentation is provided:

1. Member is ≥18 years of age.
2. The prescribing physician is a neurologist or MS specialist.
3. Member has a baseline Timed 25-foot Walk test (T25ftWT) with a time range of 8 to 45 seconds.
    a. Note: walking aids are acceptable; however, non-ambulatory patients will not be eligible for approval.

All other indications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, including requests for members < 18 years of age. In addition, new members to the plan lacking the above parameters will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by AllWays Health Partners directly.

Continuation of Therapy
Reauthorization requires physician documentation of improvement of member's condition with ONE of the following parameters:

1. Stable walking speed without worsening of ambulation
2. At least a 20% improvement in the T25ftWT from baseline

Limitations

1. Initial approvals will be for 3 months.
2. Reauthorizations will be for 12 months.
3. The following quantity limits apply:

Dalfampridine ER 10mg	60 tablets per 30 day

Appendix

Recommended Dosing	
Adult Dose	**Pediatric Dose**
Walking improvement in MS: Extended-release oral tablet: 10 mg BID, taken approximately 12 hours apart, with or without food. Note: 10 mg BID is the maximum recommended dose. No additional benefit has been demonstrated at higher doses; however adverse events are increased at higher doses.	Safety and efficacy in patients under the age of 18 have not been established.

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