

Dificid (fidaxomicin) oral tablet
Dificid (fidaxomicin) oral suspension
Effective 10/01/2021

Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth <input 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 (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

Fidaxomicin is an antibacterial drug that acts locally in the gastrointestinal tract on *C. difficile*. It is a fermentation product obtained from the Actinomycete *Dactylosporangium aurantiacum*. Fidaxomicin is a macrolide antibacterial drug that inhibits RNA synthesis by binding to RNA polymerases.

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be granted for members when ALL the following criteria are met, and documentation is provided:

1. The member is diagnosed with Clostridioides (formerly Clostridium) difficile infection confirmed by a positive stool assay
2. The member meets ONE of the following:
 - a. The patient requires additional medication to complete a 10-day course of the requested drug for therapy that was initiated in the hospital
 - b. The patient has experienced an inadequate treatment response to oral vancomycin after a trial of at least 7 days, OR has intolerance or contraindication to vancomycin

Limitations

1. Initial approvals will be granted for 10 days.
2. The following quantity limits apply:

Dificid 200mg oral tablet	20 tablets per 10 days
Dificid 40mg/mL oral suspension	136mL per 10 days



References

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Review History

01/23/2020 – Transitioned from SGM to Custom Criteria; added Difucid oral suspension. Effective 3/1/21.

07/21/2021- Reviewed July P&T; changed diagnosis name; removed “diarrhea-associated” and added “infection. Effective 10/01/2021.

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

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