

Antiemetics
Focinvez (fosaprepitant)
Effective 09/01/2025

Plan	☒ MassHealth UPPL ☐ Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	☒ Prior Authorization
Benefit	☐ Pharmacy Benefit ☒ Medical Benefit		☐ Quantity Limit ☐ Step Therapy
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
Contact Information	Medical and Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 877-519-1908	Fax: 855-540-3693
Contact Information	Non-Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 844-403-1029
Notes	Focinvez (fosaprepitant) is also available on the pharmacy benefit. Please see the MassHealth Drug List for coverage and criteria. Additional agents from this class are available through the pharmacy benefit. Please see the MassHealth Drug List for coverage and criteria.		

Overview

Focinvez, in combination with other antiemetic agents, is indicated in adults and pediatric patients 6 months of age and older for the prevention of:

- acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (HEC) including high-dose cisplatin
- delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (MEC)

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be reviewed on a case by case basis for members who are new to the plan currently receiving treatment with 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:

1. Diagnosis of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV)
2. Clinical rationale for the use of the requested agent instead of fosaprepitant injection (Emend)
3. Requested quantity is ≤ 2 units/28 day

Continuation of Therapy

Resubmission by prescriber will infer a positive response to therapy.

Limitations

1. Approvals will be granted for 6 months.

References

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Review History

10/9/24 – Created for P&T. Adopted MH criteria. Focinvez will require PA under MB and PB. This policy was created for MB to be posted on MGBHP web. Effective 11.12.24

8/13/25 – Reviewed and updated for P&T. Part of annual UM review. References updated. No clinical changes. Effective 9/1/25

