

**Zilretta® (triamcinolone extended-release)**  
**Effective 04/01/2023**

<b>Plan</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	<b>Program Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
<b>Benefit</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		
<b>Specialty Limitations</b>	N/A		
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Medical and Specialty Medications</b>		
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<b>Exceptions</b>	<b>Non-Specialty Medications</b>		
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### Overview

Zilretta® (triamcinolone extended-release) is an intra-articular corticosteroid injection indicated for the management of osteoarthritis pain of the knee.

No PA	Drugs that require PA
Celestone® # (betamethasone injection)	Zilretta® (triamcinolone extended-release injectable suspension)
Depo-Medrol® # (methylprednisolone acetate)	
dexamethasone injection	
Kenalog® # (triamcinolone injection)	
Solu-Cortef® # (hydrocortisone injection)	

#This is a brand-name drug with FDA "A"-rated generic equivalents. PA is required for the brand, unless a particular form of that drug (for example, tablet, capsule, or liquid) does not have an FDA "A"-rated generic equivalents

### Coverage Guidelines

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

1. Diagnosis of osteoarthritis pain of the knee
2. Physician attestation of inadequate response or adverse reaction to **TWO** different intra-articular corticosteroid injection preparations or contraindication to **ALL** other intra-articular corticosteroid injection preparations
3. Appropriate dosing

### Limitations

1. Initial approvals will be granted for 1 month (30 days)
2. Zilretta® is not intended for repeat administration

**References**

1. Zilretta® [package insert].San Diegio(CA): Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc; 2022 Mar.
2. Micromedex®Healthcare Series [database on the internet]. Greenwood Village (CO): Truven Health Analytics. Updated periodically; [cited 2022 Sep 6]. Available from: <http://www.thomsonhc.com/>.

**Review History**

01/11/23 - Reviewed and created for Jan P&T; matched MH UPPL. Created criteria to be in compliance with Masshealth unified formulary requirements. Effective 4/1/23

