This Coverage Policy applies to Individual Health Insurance Marketplace benefit plans only.

Somatuline Depot™ (lanreotide)

COVERAGE POLICY

Coventry Health Care covers Somatuline Depot™ when all of the following criteria have been met:
1. Member has acromegaly AND has had an inadequate response to or cannot be treated with surgery and/or radiotherapy.
2. Member is undergoing pancreatic resection for malignancy.
3. Member has neuroendocrine tumors of the adrenal gland; for symptom control if somatostatin scintigraphy positive in patients with non-adrenocorticotropic hormone-dependent Cushing’s syndrome with tumors less than 4 cm, benign imaging characteristics, and abnormal contralateral gland and symmetric cortisol production.
4. Member has Zollinger-Ellison syndrome treatment.
5. Member has neuroendocrine tumors of the GI tract, lung and thymus, for management of unresectable locoregional disease and/or distant metastases for tumor control, or for symptom control in persons with carcinoid syndrome.
6. Member has neuroendocrine tumors of the pancreas, for treatment of symptoms related to hormone hypersecretion, or for tumor control in persons with unresectable locoregional disease and/or metastatic disease and clinically significant tumor burden or clinically significant progression.
7. Member has poorly differentiated (high-grade)/large or small cell neuroendocrine tumors, for symptom control of somatostatin scintigraphy positive.

AUTHORIZATION PERIOD AND LIMITATIONS

Initial Authorization: 1 year
Extended authorization: Annual review
Extension will be based on documentation of reduction in IGF-1 and GH levels.

NON-COVERAGE

Somatuline depot is NOT covered for members with the following criteria:
1. Use not approved by the FDA,
2. The use is unapproved and not supported by the literature or evidence as an accepted off-label use. (see Off-Label Use Policy for determining ‘accepted use’),
3. Neuroendocrine tumors,
4. Carcinoid syndrome,
5. Liver cancer,
6. Breast cancer,
7. Pancreatic cancer,
8. Prostate cancer,
9. Dumping syndrome

PROCUREMENT

Self-administered injectable – Non formulary
J-Code: J1930
Specialty pharmacy source: Aetna Specialty Pharmacy (ASRx)

Contact:
REFERENCES


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