



Drug Name: Xifaxan (rifaximin)

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Drug Name:	Xifaxan (rifaximin)
Required Medical Information:	<p><u>Diagnosis of Traveler’s Diarrhea:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient is 12 years of age or older; and • Patient is being treated for traveler’s diarrhea; and • Patent has failed, has contraindication or intolerance to, therapy with both ciprofloxacin and Azithromycin. <p><u>Diagnosis of Irritable Bowel Syndrome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient is diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea or abdominal pain as the predominant symptom; and • Patent has failed, has contraindication or intolerance to, two generic medications for diarrhea symptoms (e.g. loperamide and a bile acid sequestrant); and • Patent has failed, has contraindication or intolerance to, short-term trials with two generic medications for abdominal pain such as dicyclomine, hyoscyamine immediate release or hyoscyamine extended release. <p><u>Diagnosis of Hepatic Encephalopathy:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patent has failed, has contraindication or intolerance to, treatment with lactulose for control of ammonia levels.
Note(s):	<p>Xifaxan is not covered for treatment of IBS that is constipation predominant.</p> <p>For treatment of Traveler’s diarrhea: Xifaxan is pregnancy category C; and thus, should not to be an alternative to a quinolone for treatment of traveler’s diarrhea in patients who are pregnant. The drug of choice for this patient population is Azithromycin (pregnancy category B).</p>
Coverage Duration:	<p><u>Traveler’s Diarrhea:</u> 1 month</p> <p><u>Irritable Bowel Syndrome:</u> 1 month</p> <p><u>Hepatic Encephalopathy:</u> 12 months</p>