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GATTEX (teduglutide)

POLICY

I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met, and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indication

Gattex is indicated for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older with short bowel syndrome (SBS) who are dependent on parenteral support.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

Short bowel syndrome (SBS)

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of SBS when all of the following are met:

- A. Documentation that the member must be ≥ 1 year of age
- B. Documentation that the member must have a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome (SBS)
- C. Documentation that the member who has inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and/or fistulas must be in clinical remission for at least 12 weeks.
- D. Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- E. Dose does not exceed 0.05mg/kg/day once a day
- F. Documentation that the member meets one of the following:
 - a. For members greater than or equal to 18 years of age who have been dependent on parenteral nutrition and/or intravenous fluids for at least 12 months and receive intravenous nutrition/fluids at least 3 times a week; OR
 - b. For pediatric members less than 18 years of age who are receiving intravenous nutrition/fluids to account for at least 30% of caloric and/or fluid/electrolyte needs.

III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

Short bowel syndrome (SBS)

- A. Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization and has documentation showing the member remains dependent on parenteral nutrition and/or intravenous fluids and whose requirement for parenteral support has decreased by at least 20% from baseline while on therapy with the requested drug.
- B. Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization and has documentation showing the member was previously dependent on parenteral nutrition and/or intravenous fluids has been able to wean off the requirement for parenteral support while on therapy with the requested drug.

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IV. QUANTITY LIMIT

Gattex 5mg Kit: 1 kit every 30 days (0.04 per day)

V. REFERENCES

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