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SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

RIBAVIRIN PRODUCTS (COPEGUS, MODERIBA, REBETOL, RIBASPHERE, RIBASPHERE RIBAPAK, RIBATAB, ribavirin capsules and tablets)

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 Indications

Copegus

Copegus is indicated for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) virus infection in combination with Pegasys in patients 5 years of age and older with compensated liver disease not previously treated with interferon alpha, and in adult CHC patients coinfecting with HIV.¹

Moderiba

Moderiba is indicated for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) virus infection in combination with peginterferon alfa-2a in patients 5 years of age and older with compensated liver disease not previously treated with interferon alpha, and in adult CHC patients coinfecting with HIV.²

Rebetol

Rebetol is indicated in combination with interferon alfa-2b (pegylated and nonpegylated) for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) in patients 3 years of age and older with compensated liver disease.³

Ribasphere/RibaPak

Ribasphere is indicated for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) virus infection in combination with peginterferon alfa-2a in patients 5 years of age and older with compensated liver disease not previously treated with interferon alpha, and in adult CHC patients coinfecting with HIV.⁴

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

II. EXCLUSIONS

Exclusions to other antiviral drugs being used in combination with the requested drug apply. Refer to the SGM policy for each drug in the treatment regimen for applicable exclusions.

III. CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection

Refer to the SGM of requested regimen for the specific criteria for approval and approval durations.

IV. REFERENCES

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