

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

BRAND NAME

(generic)

(acamprosate calcium)

Status: CVS Caremark Criteria

Type: Initial Prior Authorization

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Acamprosate calcium is indicated for the maintenance of abstinence from alcohol in patients with alcohol dependence who are abstinent at treatment initiation. Treatment with acamprosate calcium should be part of a comprehensive management program that includes psychosocial support.

The efficacy of acamprosate calcium in promoting abstinence has not been demonstrated in subjects who have not undergone detoxification and not achieved alcohol abstinence prior to beginning acamprosate calcium treatment. The efficacy of acamprosate calcium in promoting abstinence from alcohol in polysubstance abusers has not been adequately assessed.

COVERAGE CRITERIA

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a diagnosis of alcohol use disorder as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)

AND

- The requested drug will be used as part of a comprehensive management program that includes psychosocial support

AND

- The patient is, or the patient will be, abstinent from alcohol at treatment initiation

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