

# PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

**BRAND NAME**  
(generic)

**DIFICID**  
(fidaxomicin)

**Status: CVS Caremark Criteria**  
**Type: Initial Prior Authorization**

## POLICY

### FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Dificid is indicated in adult and pediatric patients aged 6 months and older for the treatment of *C. difficile*-associated diarrhea (CDAD).

### Usage

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of Dificid and other antibacterial drugs, Dificid should be used only to treat infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by *C. difficile*. When culture and susceptibility information are available, they should be considered in selecting or modifying antibacterial therapy. In the absence of such data, local epidemiology and susceptibility patterns may contribute to the empiric selection of therapy.

### COVERAGE CRITERIA

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

- The patient has the diagnosis of *C. difficile*-associated diarrhea (CDAD) confirmed by a positive stool assay

### REFERENCES

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