

# STEP THERAPY CRITERIA

**BRAND NAME**

(generic)

**OVIDE**

(malathion)

**Status: CVS Caremark Criteria**

**Type: Initial Step Therapy; Post Step Therapy Prior Authorization**

## POLICY

### FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Ovide Lotion is indicated for patients infected with *Pediculus humanus capitis* (head lice and their ova) of the scalp hair.

### INITIAL STEP THERAPY\*

\*Include Rx and OTC products unless otherwise stated.

If the patient has filled a prescription for at least a 1 day supply of permethrin 1% within the past 60 days under a prescription benefit administered by CVS Caremark, then the requested drug will be paid under that prescription benefit. If the patient does not meet the initial step therapy criteria, then the claim will reject with a message indicating that a prior authorization (PA) is required. The prior authorization criteria would then be applied to requests submitted for evaluation to the PA unit.

### COVERAGE CRITERIA

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

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of *Pediculus humanus capitis* (head lice and their ova) of the scalp hair  
**AND**
- The patient has experienced an inadequate treatment response to permethrin 1%  
**OR**
- The patient has experienced an intolerance to permethrin 1%  
**OR**
- The patient has a contraindication that would prohibit a trial of permethrin 1%  
**OR**
- There is a local pattern of known or suspected resistance to permethrin 1%

### REFERENCES

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