# **STEP THERAPY CRITERIA**

**DRUG CLASS** 

PAIN MANAGEMENT

BRAND NAME (generic)

> SAVELLA (milnacipran)

Status: CVS Caremark Criteria Type: Initial Step Therapy; Post Step Therapy Prior Authorization

## POLICY

## FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Savella is indicated for the management of fibromyalgia. Savella is not approved for use in pediatric patients.

### **INITIAL STEP THERAPY**

If the patient has filled a prescription for at least a 30 day supply of immediate-release pregabalin or duloxetine within the past 120 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 fibromyalgia in a patient 18 years of age or older **AND**
- The patient has experienced an inadequate treatment response to duloxetine OR
- The patient has experienced an intolerance to duloxetine OR
- The patient has a contraindication that would prohibit a trial of duloxetine

### **REFERENCES**

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