

SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

SABRIL (vigabatrin) tablets and powder for oral solution VIGADRONE (vigabatrin) powder for oral solution vigabatrin powder for oral solution

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 Indications¹⁻³

- A. Infantile spasms: Monotherapy for pediatric patients with infantile spasms one month to two years of age for whom the potential benefits outweigh the potential risk of vision loss.
- B. Complex Partial Seizures: Adjunctive therapy for adults and pediatric patients two years of age and older with refractory complex partial seizures who have inadequately responded to several alternative treatments and for whom the potential benefits outweigh the risk of vision loss. Vigabatrin products are not indicated as a first line agent for complex partial seizures.

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

II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

A. Infantile Spasms^{1-3,6-11}

Authorization of 4 weeks may be granted for treatment of infantile spasms in members less than 2 years of age.

B. Complex Partial Seizures^{1-6,12,13}

Authorization of 3 months may be granted for treatment of complex partial seizures when member has had an inadequate response to at least two alternative treatments for complex partial seizures.

III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

A. Infantile Spasms

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for members requesting vigabatrin for continuation of therapy when member has shown substantial clinical benefit from vigabatrin therapy.

B. Complex Partial Seizures

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members requesting vigabatrin for continuation of therapy when member has shown substantial clinical benefit from vigabatrin therapy.

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