

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

DRUG CLASS	RETINOIDS (TOPICAL)
BRAND NAME (generic)	(adapalene)
	DIFFERIN (adapalene)
Status: CVS Caremark Criteria	
Type: Initial Prior Authorization with Quantity Limit	

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Differin Cream 0.1%, Adapalene Gel 0.1%, Adapalene Topical Solution 0.1% (swab), Adapalene Topical Solution 0.1%

Differin Cream 0.1%, Adapalene Gel 0.1%, Adapalene Topical Solution 0.1% (swab), and Adapalene Topical Solution 0.1% are indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris.

Differin Gel 0.3%, Differin Lotion 0.1%

Differin Gel 0.3% and Differin Lotion 0.1% are indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris in patients 12 years of age and older.

COVERAGE CRITERIA

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

- The patient has a diagnosis of acne vulgaris

AND

- If additional quantities are being requested, then the requested drug is being prescribed to treat a body surface area that requires additional quantities

Quantity Limits apply.

QUANTITY LIMIT

PLEASE NOTE: Since manufacturer package sizes may vary, it is the discretion of the dispensing pharmacy to fill quantities per package size up to these quantity limits. In such cases the filling limit and day supply may be less than what is indicated.

Medication	COLUMN A (Lower Limit)	COLUMN B (Lower Limit)	COLUMN C (Upper Limit)	COLUMN D (Upper Limit)
	4 Week Limit*	12 Week Limit*	4 Week Limit*	12 Week Limit*
Adapalene topical solution	120 mL / 21 days	360 mL / 63 days	240 mL / 21 days	720 mL / 63 days
Adapalene topical solution (swab)	28 swabs / 21 days	84 swabs / 63 days	56 swabs / 21 days	168 swabs / 63 days
Differin cream 0.1% (adapalene cream)	45 grams / 21 days	135 grams / 63 days	90 grams / 21 days	270 grams / 63 days
Adapalene gel 0.1%	45 grams / 21 days	135 grams / 63 days	90 grams / 21 days	270 grams / 63 days

Differin gel 0.3% (adapalene gel)	45 grams / 21 days	135 grams / 63 days	90 grams / 21 days	270 grams / 63 days
Differin lotion 0.1% (adapalene lotion)	59 mL / 21 days	177 mL / 63 days	118 mL / 21 days	354 mL / 63 days
* The duration of 21 days is used for a 28-day fill period and 63 days is used for an 84-day fill period to allow time for refill processing.				

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