SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIALTY PA

VECAMYL (mecamylamine hydrochloride)

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 Indication

Management of moderately severe to severe essential hypertension and in uncomplicated cases of malignant hypertension.

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

II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

A. Moderately severe to severe essential hypertension

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for moderately severe to severe essential hypertension when the member has had an inadequate response to a one month trial of a drug combination with at least 1 medication from each of the following classes unless the member has an intolerance or contraindication to the drug class:

- 1. Diuretic
- 2. Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or Angiotensin II receptor antagonist
- 3. Calcium channel blocker
- 4. Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist (e.g., spironolactone)
- 5. Beta Blocker

B. Uncomplicated malignant hypertension

Authorization of 3 months may be granted for uncomplicated malignant hypertension when the member has had an inadequate response to a one month trial of a drug combination with at least 1 medication from each of the following classes unless the member has an intolerance or contraindication to the drug class:

- 1. Diuretic
- 2. Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or Angiotensin II receptor antagonist
- 3. Calcium channel blocker
- 4. Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist (e.g., spironolactone)
- 5. Beta Blocker

III. REFERENCES

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