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## SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

### **COPAXONE (glatiramer acetate) GLATOPA (glatiramer acetate) glatiramer acetate**

#### **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

Indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults.

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

##### **II. PRESCRIBER SPECIALTIES**

This medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist.

##### **III. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL**

###### **A. Relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis**

Authorization of 12 months may be granted to members who have been diagnosed with a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis (including relapsing-remitting and secondary progressive disease for those who continue to experience relapse).

###### **B. Clinically isolated syndrome**

Authorization of 12 months may be granted to members for the treatment of clinically isolated syndrome of multiple sclerosis.

##### **IV. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY**

For all indications: Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members who are experiencing disease stability or improvement while receiving Copaxone, Glatopa, or glatiramer acetate.

##### **V. OTHER**

Members will not use Copaxone, Glatopa, or glatiramer acetate concomitantly with other disease modifying multiple sclerosis agents (Note: Ampyra and Nuedexta are not disease modifying).

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