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Xenleta (lefamulin) tablets and intravenous injection

POLICY

I. CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

An authorization may be granted when all the following criteria are met:

- A. The member has a diagnosis of Community Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (CABP) confirmed by the following:
 - a. Having at least 3 of the 4 symptoms consistent with CABP (cough, sputum production, chest pain and/or dyspnea).
 - b. Diagnosis of CABP has been confirmed through chest radiograph.
- B. Member is at least 18 years of age.
- C. Documentation of culture and sensitivity results.
- D. Member has tried and failed OR had an intolerance to one alternative antibiotic to which the organism is susceptible (i.e., moxifloxacin, levofloxacin, beta-lactam + macrolide, beta-lactam + doxycycline, etc.), **OR**
- E. For Xenleta tablet requests, the medication was initiated in the hospital and is a continuation of therapy upon discharge.

II. PHARMACY BENEFIT QUANTITY LIMIT

- 2 tablets per day, 10 tablets per treatment course

III. MEDICAL DOSING

Indication	Dose	Maximum dose (1 billable unit = 1 mg)
Community Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia	150mg IV every 12 hours x 5-10 days (minimum of 3 days of IV therapy before transitioning to oral treatment) 600mg PO every 12 hours x 5 days	3000 billable units every 10 days

The following HCPCS/CPT codes are:

HCPCS/CPT Code	Description
J0691	Injectable, lefamulin, 1mg

IV. COVERAGE DURATION

- Xenleta tablets: 1 month

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- Xenleta IV: 10 days

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