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# Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis or Immunotherapy

#### Also known as

- 1. Nasal allergy treatment
- 2. Nasal immunotherapy
- 3. Oral allergy treatment
- 4. Oral immunotherapy
- 5. Sublingual allergy diagnosis & immunotherapy
- 6. Sublingual allergy immunotherapy
- 7. Sublingual allergy treatment
- 8. Sublingual Immunotherapy (SLIT)

#### Description

Traditional allergy treatment is delivered by shots (subcutaneous injection), these forms introduce allergens through less invasive methods: drops under the tongue (sublingual), oral, and via the nose (intranasal immunotherapy).

#### See also

Similar, related, or easily confused documents.

• <u>Allergen Immunotherapy</u> - Also known as allergy shots, is a form of immunotherapy for allergic disorders in which the patient is vaccinated with increasingly larger doses of an allergen with the aim of inducing immunologic tolerance.

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## **Commercial**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Commercial members. Benefit details depend on the member's brand: Dean (including Dean Health Plan (DHP) and Prevea360), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), or Medica (including MHPS).

### Dean (DHP, Prevea360)

Medical Policy, Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis and/or Immunotherapy (PA2219), applies.

Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.

• Considered investigative, not covered.

## Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Medica's Coverage Policy, Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis and/or Immunotherapy, applies.

**Tip**: For instructions on locating policies, see <u>Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines</u>.

• Considered investigative, not covered.

### Medica (including MHPS)

Medica's Coverage Policy, Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis and/or Immunotherapy, applies.

Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.

• Considered investigative, not covered.

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# **Government Programs**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

# AccessAbility (SNBC),

### Medicaid only groups:

• See Medicaid below.

#### Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

#### Medicare eligible groups:

- Considered investigative, not covered.
- Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

### AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Medica's Coverage Policy, Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis and/or Immunotherapy, applies.

### **DUAL (MSHO)**

**Tip**: For instructions on locating policies, see <u>Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines</u>.

- Considered investigative, not covered.
  - **Note**: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.
- Medica is the only payer.

#### Cost (Prime)

Considered investigative, not covered.

- Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.

#### **Med Advantage**

Medica's Coverage Policy, Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis and/or Immunotherapy, applies.

**Tip**: For instructions on locating policies, see <u>Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines</u>.

- Considered investigative, not covered.
- Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

#### Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Considered investigative, not covered.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

### Medicaid

Medica's Coverage Policy, Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis and/or Immunotherapy, applies.

**Tip**: For instructions on locating policies, see <u>Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines</u>.

• Considered investigative, not covered.

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# **Individual and Family Business (IFB)**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) members. Benefit details depend on the member's brand: Dean (including Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360) or Medica.

### Dean (DHP, Medica formerly WellFirst, Prevea360)

Medical Policy, Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis and/or Immunotherapy (PA2219), applies.

Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.

• Considered investigative, not covered.

#### Medica

Medica's Coverage Policy, Compounded Sublingual, Oral, or Intranasal Allergenic Extracts for Allergy Diagnosis and/or Immunotherapy, applies.

**Tip**: For instructions on locating policies, see <u>Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines</u>.

• Considered investigative, not covered.

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