

# **Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure**

Policy Name: Lupkynis (voclosporin) Policy#: 2831P	
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# **Purpose of the Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to define coverage criteria for Lupkynis (voclosporin)

# **Statement of the Policy**

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of Lupkynis (voclosporin) under the specialty pharmacy benefit if the following criteria are met.

#### Criteria

# 1. Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Lupus Nephritis

- 1.1 Documented diagnosis of active lupus nephritis with an eGFR > 45mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1.2 Age 18 years or older
- 1.3 Ordered by or in consultation with a nephrologist (kidney doctor), rheumatologist (musculoskeletal doctor), or immunologist (immune system doctor)
- 1.4 Documented trial of glucocorticoids (such as prednisone) with mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) or cyclophosphamide for at least 3 months

#### 2. Exclusion Criteria

- 2.1 Patient with an eGFR  $\leq$  45mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2.2 Patient with severe liver dysfunction
- 2.3 Concurrent use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole, clarithromycin)
- 2.4 Lupkynis will not be covered in combination with Saphnelo or Benlysta

# 3. Managed Dose Limit

3.1 There will be an MDL in place of #180 capsules per 30 days

# 4. Approval Period

- 4.1 Initial Approval: 12 months
- 4.2 Subsequent Approval: 12 months with documentation of positive response to therapy

CPT Codes	
<b>HCPCS Codes</b>	

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