

Pharmacy Drug Policy Checklist

POLICY NAME Arikayce (amikacin liposomal) POLICY # 2685P

Criteria

Coverage Criteria	
	Documented diagnosis of Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) lung disease
	Sputum, or lung secretion, sample is positive for the infection
	Sputum samples are still positive after at least 6 months in a row of using multiple drugs for MAC lung disease • Examples are: clarithromycin (or azithromycin), rifampin, and ethambutol
	Documentation that Arikayce will be used as part of a multi-drug regimen with the Lamira Nebulizer system
	Prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist (lung doctor) or infectious disease specialist
Exclusion Criteria – Any of the following prevents coverage	
	Arikayce will not be covered for patients with non-refractory MAC lung disease
	 Amikacin oral inhalation has only been studied in patients with refractory MAC lung disease defined as patients who did not achieve negative sputum cultures after a minimum of 6 consecutive months of a multidrug background regimen therapy. The use of amikacin is not recommended for patients with non-refractory MAC lung disease.
	Contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to any aminoglycoside