

Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure

Policy Name:	Tenapanor Products	Policy#:	3119P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define coverage criteria for tenapanor products, Isbrela and Xphozah.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of tenapanor products, Isbrela or Xphozah, under the pharmacy benefit if the following criteria are met.

Criteria

- 1. Coverage Criteria for Irritable Bowel Syndrome Constipation (Ibsrela)
- 1.1 Diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C)
- 1.2 Age 18 years or older
- 1.3 Documented trial and failure of, or contraindication to Amitiza AND Linzess
- 2. Coverage Criteria for Hyperphosphatemia (Xphozah)
- 2.1 Diagnosis of chronic hyperphosphatemia in patients with chronic kidney disease on dialysis
- 2.2 Age 18 years or older
- 2.3 Prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist (kidney doctor)
- 2.4 Documented minimum 30-day supply trial and failure, or contraindication to phosphate binders (such as calcium acetate, sevelamer, lanthanum, etc)
- 2.5 Documented minimum 30-day supply trial and failure, or contraindication to Velphoro
- 3. Exclusion Criteria
- 3.1 Patients with known or suspected mechanical gastrointestinal obstruction
- 4. Managed Dose Limit
- 4.1 #60 tablets per 30 days
- 5. Approval Period
- 5.1 Initial: 12 months
- 5.2 Subsequent Approvals: 12 months with documentation of positive response to therapy

CPT Codes			
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