

# Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure

<b>Policy Name:</b>	Aptiom Step-Edit	Policy #:	2229P
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# **Purpose of the Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to define the criteria for coverage of Aptiom.

## **Statement of the Policy**

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of Aptiom when the following step-edit criteria have been met.

#### Criteria

#### 1. Aptiom Step-Edit

- 1.1 An electronic step-edit is in place that requires a previous paid claim of oxcarbazepine prior to coverage of Aptiom.
- 1.2 Provider can submit medical chart documentation of previous trial and subsequent failure, intolerance, or contraindication to oxcarbazepine.

### 2. Approval Period

2.1 12 months

# HCPCS Codes

#### References

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