

## Clinical Policy: Crisaborole (Eucrisa)

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### Description

Crisaborole (Eucrisa<sup>TM</sup>) is a phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitor.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Eucrisa is indicated for the topical treatment of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis in patients 2 years of age and older.

### Policy/Criteria

*Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with PA Health & Wellness Corporation® that Eucrisa is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Atopic Dermatitis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of atopic dermatitis;
2. Age  $\geq$  2 years;
3. Failure of a 2-week trial of two generic medium-to-very high potency topical corticosteroids, unless contraindicated (e.g., areas involving the face, neck or intertriginous areas) or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
4. Failure of a 2-week trial of topical tacrolimus, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;  
*\*Prior authorization may be required for topical tacrolimus*
5. Dose does not exceed 60 grams (1 tube) per 30 days.

##### Approval duration:

**Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months

**Commercial** – Length of Benefit

##### B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): PA.CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and PA.CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

#### II. Continued Therapy

##### A. Atopic Dermatitis (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via PA Health & Wellness benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy or the Continuity of Care policy (PA.LTSS.PHAR.01) applies;

2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 60 grams (1 tube) per 30 days.

**Approval duration:** 12 months

**B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. Currently receiving medication via PA Health & Wellness benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy or the Continuity of Care policy (PA.LTSS.PHAR.01) applies.

**Approval duration: Duration of request or 12 months (whichever is less); or**

2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): PA.CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:**

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policy – PA.CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

*This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.*

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/Maximum Dose
<b>Very High Potency</b>		
augmented betamethasone 0.05% (Diprolene® AF) ointment, gel	Apply topically to the affected area(s) BID	Should not be used for longer than 3 consecutive weeks
clobetasol propionate 0.05% (Temovate®) cream, ointment, gel, solution		
diflorasone diacetate 0.05% (Maxiflor®, Psorcon E®) cream, ointment		
<b>High Potency</b>		
augmented betamethasone 0.05% (Diprolene® AF) cream, lotion	Apply topically to the affected area(s) BID	Should not be used for longer than 3 consecutive months
diflorasone 0.05% (Florone®, Florone E®, Maxiflor®, Psorcon E®) cream		
fluocinonide acetonide 0.05% (Lidex®, Lidex E®) cream, ointment, gel, solution		
triamcinolone acetonide 0.5% (Aristocort®, Kenalog®) cream, ointment		
<b>Medium Potency</b>		
desoximetasone 0.05% (Topicort®) cream, ointment, gel	Apply topically to the affected area(s) BID	Should not be used for longer than 3 consecutive months
fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% (Synalar®) cream, ointment		
mometasone 0.1% (Elocon®) cream, ointment, lotion		
triamcinolone acetonide 0.025%, 0.1% (Aristocort®, Kenalog®) cream, ointment		
<b>Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors</b>		
Tacrolimus (Protopic®) 0.03% or 0.1% ointment	Apply a thin layer to affected area twice daily. Age 2-15 years, use 0.03% ointment only.	Limit use to affected areas. Discontinue when symptoms have cleared.

*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed warnings*

- Contraindication(s): hypersensitivity to crisaborole
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Mild-to-moderate atopic dermatitis	Apply to the affected areas twice daily	N/A

**VI. Product Availability**

Ointment (2%): 60 g

**VII. References**

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