Prior Authorization Review Panel

CHC-MCO Policy Submission

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Plan: PA Health & Wellness	**Submission Date: N/A**
Policy Number: PHW.PDL.502	**Effective Date: 01/01/2020** **Revision Date: 10/2021**
Policy Name: Oncology Agents, Breast Cancer	

Type of Submission – Check all that apply:

- ☐ **New Policy**
- ☐ **Revised Policy***
- ✓ **Annual Review - No Revisions**
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Please provide any changes or clarifying information for the policy below:

Q1 2022 annual review: no changes.

Name of Authorized Individual (Please type or print): **Venkateswara R. Davuluri, MD**	**Signature of Authorized Individual:**

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Revision Log

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 and Wellness® that Breast Cancer Oncology Agents are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Requirements for Prior Authorization of Oncology Agents, Breast Cancer

A. Prescriptions That Require Prior Authorization

Prescriptions for Oncology Agents, Breast Cancer that meet any of the following conditions must be prior authorized:

1. A non-preferred Oncology Agent, Breast Cancer.

2. A prescription for letrozole.

3. An Oncology Agent, Breast Cancer with a prescribed quantity that exceeds the quantity limit.

B. Review of Documentation for Medical Necessity

In evaluating a request for prior authorization of a prescription for an Oncology Agent, Breast Cancer, the determination of whether the requested prescription is medically necessary will take into account the whether the beneficiary:

1. For a non-preferred agent, has a history of therapeutic failure, contraindication, or intolerance to the preferred Oncology Agents, Breast Cancer; **AND**

2. For letrozole, is being treated for a diagnosis that is indicated in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved package labeling OR a medically accepted indication, excluding use to promote fertility. The requesting prescriber must provide documentation from the medical record of the diagnosis; **AND**

3. If a prescription for an Oncology Agent, Breast Cancer is for a quantity that exceeds the quantity limit, the determination of whether the prescription is medically necessary will also take into account the guidelines set forth in PA.CP.PMN.59 Quantity Limit Override.

NOTE: If the beneficiary does not meet the clinical review guidelines listed above but, in the professional judgment of the physician reviewer, the services are medically necessary to meet the medical needs of the beneficiary, the request for prior authorization will be approved.

C. Clinical Review Process

Prior authorization personnel will review the request for prior authorization and apply the clinical guidelines in Section B. above to assess the medical necessity of a prescription for an Oncology Agent, Breast Cancer. If the guidelines in Section B. are met, the reviewer will prior authorize the prescription. If the guidelines are not met, the prior authorization request will be referred to a physician reviewer for a medical necessity determination. Such a request for prior authorization will be approved when, in the professional judgment of the physician reviewer, the services are medically necessary to meet the medical needs of the beneficiary.

D. **Approval Duration:**

Arimedex (anastrazole)	12 months
Aromasin (exemestane)	12 months
Fareston (toremifene)	12 months
Femara (letrozole)	New Request: 6 months Renewal Request: 12 months
Soltamox (tamoxifen)	12 months

E. References:

1. Epidemiology and pathogenesis of the polycystic ovary syndrome in adults. Up To Date. Accessed February 3, 2017
2. Femara (letrozole) Package Insert, Novartis January 2014
3. Legro, R.S. et al. (2014) Letrozole versus Clomiphene for Infertility in the Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. New England Journal of Medicine 371: 119- 129
4. Ovulation induction with letrozole. Up To Date. Accessed January 13, 2017

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date
Policy created	01/01/2020
Q3 2020 annual review: no changes.	07/2020
Q1 2021 annual review: no changes.	01/2021
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