

# GENERIC STEP THERAPY PLANS (GSTP)

## DRUG CLASS

## ACNE

HPGST SSB – Ref# 770 -D: Acanya, Aczone, Akne-Mycin, Azelex, Clindagel, Fabior, Riax, Tretin-X

TGST SSB – Ref# 771-D: Acanya, Aczone, Akne-Mycin, Azelex, Clindagel, Fabior, Riax, Tretin-X

**Status:** CVS Caremark Criteria

**Type:** Initial Step Therapy; Post Step Therapy Prior Authorization

### INITIAL STEP THERAPY

If the patient has filled a prescription for at least a 30 day supply of a generic acne product (benzoyl peroxide, clindamycin topical, clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide, erythromycin topical, erythromycin/benzoyl peroxide, sodium sulfacetamide, or sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur) within the past 180 days under a prescription benefit administered by CVS Caremark, then the requested branded drug will be paid under that prescription benefit. If the patient does not meet the initial step therapy criteria, then the system will reject with a message indicating that a prior authorization (PA) is required. The prior authorization criteria would then be applied to requests submitted for evaluation to the PA unit.

### COVERAGE CRITERIA

Branded acne products will be covered with post step therapy prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

- Patient has experienced an inadequate treatment response, intolerance, or contraindication to at least one generic acne product.

### RATIONALE

If the patient has filled a prescription for at least a 30 day supply of a generic acne product (benzoyl peroxide, clindamycin topical, clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide, erythromycin topical, erythromycin/benzoyl peroxide, sodium sulfacetamide, or sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur) within the past 180 days under a prescription benefit administered by CVS Caremark, then the requested branded drug will be paid under that prescription benefit.

If the patient does not meet the initial step therapy criteria, then prior authorization is required.

If the patient has a documented contraindication to or a potential drug interaction with a generic drug, then the requested brand drug will be covered. If the patient is intolerant to at least one of the generic drugs, then the requested brand drug will be covered. If the patient has tried one of the generic drugs for at least 30 days and had an inadequate treatment response, then the requested brand drug will be covered. If these requirements are met the approval duration is 24 months.

### REFERENCES

N/A

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**CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

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| 1 | Has the patient demonstrated an inadequate treatment response after at least a 30 day trial of a generic acne product?<br>[If yes, then no further questions.] | Yes | No |
| 2 | Does the patient have a documented contraindication to or a potential drug interaction with a generic acne product?<br>[If yes, then no further questions.]    | Yes | No |
| 3 | Has the patient had a trial and was intolerant to at least one generic acne product?   | Yes | No |

**Guidelines for Approval**

Duration of Approval				24 Months	
Set 1 - Failed Trial		Set 2 – Contraindication		Set 3 – Intolerance	
Yes to question(s)	No to question(s)	Yes to question(s)	No to question(s)	Yes to question(s)	No to question(s)
1	None	2	1	3	1
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**Mapping Instructions**

	Yes	No
1.	Approve for 24 months	Go to 2
2.	Approve for 24 months	Go to 3
3.	Approve for 24 months	Deny