

STEP THERAPY CRITERIA

BRAND NAME
(generic)

RANEXA
(ranolazine extended-release)

Status: CVS Caremark Criteria

Type: Initial Step Therapy; Post Step Therapy Prior Authorization

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Ranexa is indicated for the treatment of chronic angina.

Ranexa may be used with beta-blockers, nitrates, calcium channel blockers, anti-platelet therapy, lipid-lowering therapy, ACE inhibitors, and angiotensin receptor blockers.

INITIAL STEP THERAPY

If the patient has filled a prescription for at least a 30 day supply of a nitrate plus a beta blocker or a calcium channel blocker within the past 365 days under a prescription benefit administered by CVS Caremark, then the requested drug will be paid under that prescription benefit. If the patient does not meet the initial step therapy criteria, then the claim 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

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

- The requested drug is being prescribed for chronic angina

AND

- The patient had an inadequate treatment response (e.g., continues to have angina) or intolerance to a trial of therapy with a nitrate plus a beta-blocker or calcium channel blocker

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