

# SENTARA HEALTH PLANS

## PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/STEP-EDIT REQUEST\*

**Directions:** The prescribing physician must sign and clearly print name (preprinted stamps not valid) on this request. All other information may be filled in by office staff; fax to **1-800-750-9692**. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. If information provided is not complete, correct, or legible, authorization may be delayed.

**Drug Requested:** dichlorphenamide (Keveyis®)

**MEMBER & PRESCRIBER INFORMATION:** Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Sentara #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DEA OR NPI #: \_\_\_\_\_

**DRUG INFORMATION:** Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Drug Form/Strength: \_\_\_\_\_

Dosing Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Therapy: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended Dosage:** Oral: Initial: 50 mg once or twice daily; may increase or decrease dosage at weekly intervals (or more frequently in response to adverse reactions); minimum: 50 mg/day; maximum: 200 mg/day. Evaluate response and need for continued therapy after 2 months of treatment

**Quantity Limit:** 120 tablets per 30 days

**CLINICAL CRITERIA:** Check below all that apply. All criteria must be met for approval. To support each line checked, all documentation, including lab results, diagnostics, and/or chart notes, must be provided or request may be denied.

**Initial Authorization:** 12 months

- Member is 18 years of age or older
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or a physician who specializes in the care of individuals with primary periodic paralysis (e.g., muscle disease specialist, physiatrist)
- Member has a diagnosis of primary periodic paralysis confirmed by **BOTH** of the following:
  - Genetic testing for confirmation of SCN4 or CACNA1S mutation
  - Electromyography confirming absence of myotonic discharges

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- Provider has submitted lab or chart note confirmation to support **ONE** of the following:
  - If diagnosis is hypokalemic periodic paralysis: Serum K < 3.5 mEq/L during attack OR family history of condition
  - If diagnosis is hyperkalemic periodic paralysis: Serum K > 5.0 mEq/L during attack OR increased serum K >1.5 mEq/L during attack OR family history of condition
- Member has had an inadequate response to a trial of acetazolamide at a dose of 125-1500 mg/day for at least 60 days within a year of request **OR** has a documented contraindication to acetazolamide (**verified by chart notes or pharmacy paid claims; inadequate response is defined as no reduction in number of attacks per month after receiving treatment with acetazolamide at recommended doses**)
- Provider has submitted chart notes documenting member's baseline number of attacks per month prior to acetazolamide therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Baseline values for frequency and severity of attacks of muscle weakness experienced after beginning acetazolamide therapy has been submitted (**necessary for renewal**): \_\_\_\_\_
- Member continues to have paralytic attacks despite dietary intervention and avoidance of trigger

**Reauthorization: 12 months.** Check below all that apply. All criteria must be met for approval. To support each line checked, all documentation, including lab results, diagnostics, and/or chart notes, must be provided or request may be denied.

- Member has experienced disease response as indicated by a decrease in the frequency and/or severity of attacks of muscle weakness from pre-treatment baseline
- Member has **NOT** experienced unacceptable toxicity from the drug (e.g., hypersensitivity reactions, hypokalemia, metabolic acidosis, falls)

**Medication being provided by Specialty Pharmacy - PropriumRx**

***\*\*Use of samples to initiate therapy does not meet step edit/preauthorization criteria.\*\****

***\*Previous therapies will be verified through pharmacy paid claims or submitted chart notes.\****