



UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy
Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2018 P 3037-7
Program	Step Therapy
Medication	Acyclovir ointment (Zovirax*)
P&T Approval Date	8/2014, 7/2015, 7/2016, 8/2017, 9/2018
Effective Date	12/1/2018; Oxford only: N/A

1. Background:

Step Therapy programs are utilized to encourage the use of lower cost alternatives for certain therapeutic classes. This program requires a member to try two alternative oral antiviral medications before providing coverage for acyclovir ointment.

If a member has a prescription in the claims history within the previous 12 months for two alternative oral antiviral medications, the claim for acyclovir ointment will automatically process.

2. Coverage Criteria^a:

<p>A. Acyclovir ointment (Zovirax*) will be approved based on the following criterion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. History of failure, contraindication or intolerance to two of the following oral antiviral medications:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. acyclovir (Zovirax)b. famciclovirc. valacyclovir (Valtrex) <p>Authorization will be issued for 12 months.</p> <p>^a State mandates may apply. Any federal regulatory requirements and the member specific benefit plan coverage may also impact coverage criteria. Other policies and utilization management programs may apply.</p>

*Applies to brand and generic acyclovir ointment. Brand Zovirax ointment is typically excluded from coverage.

3. Additional Clinical Rules:

- Supply limits and/or Medical Necessity may be in place.

4. References:

1. Famciclovir prescribing information. Cipla USA, Inc. Miami, FL. October 2016.
2. Valtrex prescribing information. GlaxoSmithKline. Research Triangle Park, NC. December 2013.
3. Zovirax prescribing information. Prestium Pharma, Inc. Newtown, PA. February 2014.
4. Zovirax ointment prescribing information. Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America LLA. Bridgewater, NJ. January 2017.

Program	Step Therapy – Zovirax Ointment
Change Control	
Date	Change
8/2014	New program.
7/2015	Annual review with administrative updates.
10/2015	Administrative update. Added Maryland Continuation of Care.
7/2016	Annual review. Added Indiana and West Virginia coverage information.
11/2016	Administrative change. Added California coverage information.
8/2017	Annual review with administrative updates. State mandate reference language updated.
9/2018	Annual review. Updated references.