MEDICATION POLICY: Ivermectin



Generic Name: Ivermectin

Therapeutic Class or Brand Name: Stromectol®

Applicable Drugs (if Therapeutic Class): N/A

Preferred: Ivermectin oral tablets (generic)

Non-preferred: Stromectol®

Date of Origin: 5/19/2021

Date Last Reviewed / Revised: 9/16/2022

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(May be considered medically necessary when criteria I and II are met)

- I. Patient has a documented diagnosis of ONE of the following infections A or B:
 - A. Non-disseminated strongyloidiasis of the intestinal tract
 - B. Onchocerciasis
- II. Patient weighs at least 15 kilograms.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

• For treatment or prevention of Sars-CoV-2 infection (COVID-19).

OTHER CRITERIA

N/A

QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- Non-disseminated strongyloidiasis:
 - o Quantities of up to 200mcg/kg per day per four-day regimen every 12 months.
- Onchocerciasis:
 - Quantities of up to four (4) 3 mg tablets for one (1) single dose (OR for patients weighing 85 kg or more, up to 150 mcg/kg for one (1) single dose) every 90 days.

APPROVAL LENGTH

- Authorization: 6 months.
- **Re-Authorization:** An updated letter of medical necessity or progress notes showing that current prior authorization criteria are met and that the medication is effective.

APPENDIX

N/A

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