

Applicable Drugs: Daybue (trofenitide),
Daybue Stix (trofenitide)

Preferred: N/A

Non-preferred: N/A

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(May be considered medically necessary when criteria I through VI are met)

- I. Documented diagnosis of Rett Syndrome (RTT) with all of the following
 - A. Pathogenic MECP2 gene mutation confirmed by genetic testing.
 - B. Documentation the member meets ALL Main Criteria and does NOT meet Exclusion Criteria for classic/typical RTT. See Appendix.
 - C. Documented period of regression followed by recovery or stabilization.
- II. Documentation of the following baseline assessment scores (A and B):
 - A. Rett Syndrome Behavior Questionnaire (RSBQ).
 - B. Clinical Global Impression – Severity (CGI-S) of ≥ 4 .
- III. Patient age is ≥ 2 years and current weight is ≥ 9 kg.
- IV. Prescribed by or in consultation with a pediatric neurologist, geneticist, or developmental pediatrician.
- V. Request is for a medication with the appropriate FDA labeling, or its use is supported by current clinical practice guidelines.
- VI. Refer to the plan document for the list of preferred products. If the requested agent is not listed as a preferred product, must have a documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to a preferred product(s).

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Long QT syndrome or baseline QTcF interval > 450 msec
- Concurrent use of insulin
- Documented unstable pattern of seizures (eg, changes in seizure frequency, antiepileptic drugs, or behavioral treatments) in the previous 2 months.
- Atypical RTT (meeting at least 2 main criteria and at least 5 supportive criteria). See Appendix.
- Severe renal impairment (eGFR less than 30 mL/min for adults or 30 mL/min/1.73m² for pediatric patients).

OTHER CRITERIA

- Patients with renal impairment who require a total daily dose of 5,000 mg, 6,000 mg, or 8,000 mg are required to use Daybue oral solution, NOT Daybue Stix.

QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- Quantities not exceeding the following weight-based dosing schedule:

Weight	Dosage (mg) per day	Dosage (mL) per day	Quantity Limit per 30 days
9 kg to < 12 kg	10,000 mg	50 mL	1,500 mL
12 kg to < 20 kg	12,000 mg	60 mL	1,800 mL
20 kg to < 35 kg	16,000 mg	80 mL	2,400 mL
35 kg to < 50 kg	20,000 mg	100 mL	3,000 mL
≥ 50 kg	24,000 mg	120 mL	3,600 mL

- For patients with moderate renal impairment (eGFR 30 to 59 mL/min for adults or 30 to 59 mL/min/1.73m² for pediatric patients), quantities not exceeding the following weight-based schedule:

Weight	Dosage (mg) per day	Dosage (mL) per day	Quantity Limit per 30 days
9 kg to < 12 kg	5,000 mg*	25 mL	750 mL
12 kg to < 20 kg	6,000 mg*	30 mL	900 mL
20 kg to < 35 kg	8,000 mg*	40 mL	1,200 mL
35 kg to < 50 kg	10,000 mg	50 mL	1,500 mL
≥ 50 kg	12,000 mg	60 mL	1,800 mL
*Use Daybue oral solution to administer this dose, not Daybue Stix.			

APPROVAL LENGTH

- Authorization:** 3 months
- Re-Authorization:** 6 months, with an updated letter of medical necessity or progress notes showing improvement or maintenance with the medication, including at least one of the following:
 - ≥ 3-point reduction in overall RSBQ total score from baseline
 - If the member has received Daybue for 6 months or less, documentation of current Clinical Global Impression - Improvement (CGI-I) score between 1-4
 - If the member has received Daybue for more than 6 months, documentation of current CGI-I score between 1-3

APPENDIX

Diagnostic criteria for classic/typical and atypical Rett Syndrome

Main Criteria

- Partial or complete loss of acquired purposeful hand skills.
- Partial or complete loss of acquired spoken language
- Gait abnormalities: impaired or absence of ability to walk
- Hand wringing/squeezing/clapping, mouthing, and/or washing/rubbing that seems habitual or uncontrollable (stereotypical of RTT)

Exclusion Criteria

- Grossly abnormal psychomotor development in the first 6 months of life
- Brain injury secondary to trauma, neurometabolic disease, or severe infection that causes neurological problems

Supportive Criteria (not required for diagnosis, but often present)

- Breathing disturbances when awake, bruxism when awake, abnormal muscle tone, impaired sleep pattern, peripheral vasomotor disturbances, scoliosis/kyphosis, growth retardation, small cold hands and feet, inappropriate laughing/screaming spells, diminished response to pain, intense eye communication-use of eye pointing.

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