

Applicable Drugs: Xocova (ensitrelvir)

Preferred: NA

Non-preferred: NA

Date of Origin: 8/31/2026

Date Last Reviewed / Revised: NA

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

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

- I. Documented close contact within 72 hours with an individual known to have COVID-19 via positive COVID-19 testing
- II. Documented eGFR $\geq$ 15 ml/min
- III. Minimum age requirement: 12 years of age
- IV. Request is for a medication with the appropriate FDA labeling, or its use is supported by current clinical practice guidelines.
- V. Refer to plan document for the list of preferred products. If requested agent is not listed as a preferred product, must have a documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to a preferred product(s).

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Pregnancy
- Severe liver impairment (Child Pugh class C)
- Strong CYP3A inducers/substrates

QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- Seven 125 mg tablets for one five day course

APPROVAL LENGTH

- **Authorization:** 1 time per treatment course

APPENDIX

- N/A

REFERENCES

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