

# POLICY Document for BENEFIX (coagulation factor IX [recombinant])

The overall objective of this policy is to support the appropriate and cost-effective use of the medication, specific to use of preferred medication options, and overall, clinically appropriate use. This document provides specific information to both sections of the overall policy.

## Section 1: Preferred Product

- Policy information specific to preferred medications

## Section 2: Clinical Criteria

- Policy information specific to the clinical appropriateness for the medication

## Section 1: Preferred Product

### CAREFIRST: EXCEPTIONS CRITERIA HEMOPHILIA B

#### PREFERRED PRODUCTS: ALPROLIX, BENEFIX, INDELVION

**Client Requested:** The intent of the criteria is to ensure that patients follow selection elements as established by CareFirst.

## POLICY

This policy informs prescribers of preferred products and provides an exception process for targeted products through prior authorization.

### I. PLAN DESIGN SUMMARY

This program applies to the Factor IX products specified in this policy. Coverage for targeted product is provided based on clinical circumstances that would exclude the use of the preferred products and may be based on previous use of a product. The coverage review process will ascertain situations where a clinical exception can be made. This program applies to all members requesting treatment with a targeted product.

Each referral is reviewed based on all utilization management (UM) programs implemented for the client.

**Table. Factor IX Products**

	Product(s)
<b>Preferred*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alprolix</b> (coagulation factor IX [recombinant], Fc fusion protein)</li> <li>• <b>Benefix</b> (coagulation factor IX [recombinant])</li> <li>• <b>Idelvion</b> (coagulation factor IX [recombinant], albumin fusion protein)</li> </ul>
<b>Targeted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AlphaNine SD</b> (coagulation factor IX [human])</li> <li>• <b>Ixinity</b> (coagulation factor IX [recombinant])</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Profilnine SD</b> (factor IX complex)</li> <li>• <b>Rebinyn</b> (coagulation factor IX [recombinant], glycoPEGylated)</li> <li>• <b>Rixubis</b> (coagulation factor IX [recombinant])</li> </ul> |
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\*: Medications considered formulary or preferred on your plan may still require a clinical prior authorization review

## II. EXCEPTION CRITERIA

This program applies to members requesting treatment for an indication that is FDA-approved for the preferred products.

Member has a documented inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerable adverse event to all preferred products.

## Section 2: Clinical Criteria

# Specialty Guideline Management Factor IX Products

## Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over-the-counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name
Rebinyn	coagulation factor IX [recombinant], glycoPEGylated
Idelvion	coagulation factor IX [recombinant], albumin fusion protein
Alprolix	coagulation factor IX [recombinant], Fc fusion protein
Benefix	coagulation factor IX [recombinant]
Ixinity	coagulation factor IX [recombinant]
Rixubis	coagulation factor IX [recombinant]
Alphanine SD	coagulation factor IX [human]]

## Indications

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

### FDA-approved Indications<sup>1-7</sup>

Hemophilia B

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

## Prescriber Specialties

Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist.

## Coverage Criteria

Hemophilia B<sup>1-9</sup>

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of hemophilia B.

## Continuation of Therapy

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for an indication listed in the coverage criteria section when the member is experiencing benefit from therapy (e.g., reduced frequency or severity of bleeds).

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