

# Initial Prior Authorization

## Linzess

### 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
Linzess	linaclotide

### Indications

#### FDA-approved Indications

Linzess is indicated for the treatment of:

- irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C) in adults and pediatric patients 7 years of age and older
- chronic idiopathic constipation (CIC) in adults
- functional constipation (FC) in pediatric patients 6 years of age and older

### Coverage Criteria

#### Chronic Idiopathic Constipation (CIC)

Authorization may be granted when the requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of chronic idiopathic constipation (CIC) in an adult patient.

Reference number(s)
843-A, 1023-A

## Functional Constipation (FC)

Authorization may be granted when the requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of functional constipation (FC) when the following criteria is met:

- The request is for a pediatric patient 6 years of age or older.

## Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Constipation (IBS-C)

Authorization may be granted when the requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C) when the following criteria is met:

- The request is for a patient 7 years of age or older.

## Duration of Approval (DOA)

- 843-A: DOA: 12 months
- 1023-A: DOA: 36 months

## References

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