

# PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

**DRUG CLASS**                      **PANCREATIC ENZYMES**

**BRAND NAME\***  
**(generic)**

**CREON**  
**(pancrelipase)**

**PANCREAZE**  
**(pancrelipase)**

**PERTZYE**  
**(pancrelipase)**

**VIOKACE**  
**(pancrelipase)**

**ZENPEP**  
**(pancrelipase)**

**Status: CVS Caremark® Criteria**  
**Type: Initial Prior Authorization**

**Ref # 3134-A**

*\*Drugs that are listed in the target drug box include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. OTC products are not included unless otherwise stated.*

## **FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS**

### **Creon**

Creon (pancrelipase) is indicated for the treatment of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency due to cystic fibrosis, chronic pancreatitis, pancreatectomy, or other conditions.

### **Pancreaze, Pertzye, Zenpep**

Pancreaze, Pertzye, and Zenpep (pancrelipase) are indicated for the treatment of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency due to cystic fibrosis or other conditions.

### **Viokace**

Viokace (pancrelipase) tablets, in combination with a proton pump inhibitor, is indicated in adults for the treatment of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency due to chronic pancreatitis or pancreatectomy.

## **COVERAGE CRITERIA**

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency due to cystic fibrosis, chronic pancreatitis, pancreatectomy, or other conditions

### **AND**

- If the request is for Viokace, the patient will take Viokace in combination with a proton pump inhibitor (PPI)

Duration of Approval (DOA):

- 3134-A: DOA: 12 months

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## **RATIONALE**

The intent of the criteria is to provide coverage consistent with product labeling, FDA guidance, standards of medical practice, evidence-based drug information, and/or published guidelines. Creon (pancrelipase) is indicated for the treatment of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency due to cystic fibrosis, chronic pancreatitis, pancreatectomy, or other conditions.<sup>1</sup> Pancreaze, Pertzye, and Zenpep (pancrelipase) are indicated for the treatment of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency due to cystic fibrosis or other conditions.<sup>2,3,5</sup> Viokace (pancrelipase) tablets, in combination with a proton pump inhibitor, is indicated in adults for the treatment of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency due to chronic pancreatitis or pancreatectomy.<sup>4</sup> Pancrelipase is not effective in the treatment of functional digestive disorders unrelated to pancreatic insufficiency.<sup>6</sup>

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