

# QUANTITY LIMIT CRITERIA

**BRAND NAME**  
(generic)

**ALINIA**  
(nitazoxanide)

**Status: CVS Caremark® Criteria**  
**Type: Quantity Limit with Age Edit**

## POLICY

### FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Alinia for Oral Suspension (patients 1 year of age and older) and Alinia Tablets (patients 12 years and older) are indicated for the treatment of diarrhea caused by *Giardia lamblia* or *Cryptosporidium parvum*.

### Limitations of Use

Alinia for Oral Suspension and Alinia Tablets have not been shown to be effective for the treatment of diarrhea caused by *Cryptosporidium parvum* in HIV-infected or immunodeficient patients.

### Compendial Uses

Human fascioliasis (*Fasciola hepatica*)<sup>2,3</sup>  
*Clostridium difficile* colitis<sup>2,3</sup>

## LIMIT CRITERIA

Limits do not accumulate together; patient is allowed the maximum limit for each drug and strength

<b>Drug</b>	<b>1 Month Limit*</b>	<b>3 Month Limit*</b>	<b>Age Edit</b>
Alinia 100 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension (nitazoxanide)	540 mL per 25 days	Does Not Apply*	1 year of age and older
Alinia 500 mg Tablets	20 tablets per 25 days	Does Not Apply*	12 years of age and older

\* The duration of 25 days is used for a 30-day fill period to allow time for refill processing.

\* These drugs are for short-term acute use; therefore the intent is for prescriptions of the requested drug to be filled one month at a time; there should be no 3 month supplies filled.

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