

Federal Employee Program.

POTASSIUM BINDERS

Lokelma (sodium zirconium cyclosilicate), Veltassa (patiromer)

Pre - PA Allowance

None

Prior-Approval Requirements

Age Lokelma only: 18 years of age or older Veltassa only: 12 years of age or older

Diagnosis

Patient must have the following:

Hyperkalemia

AND ALL of the following:

- 1. Prescriber agrees to adjust the dose based on the serum potassium level
- 2. Prescriber agrees **NOT** to use this medication as emergency treatment for life-threatening hyperkalemia
- 3. Patients **WITHOUT** chronic kidney disease (CKD) **only**:
 - a. Patient has **ONE** of the following:
 - i. Patient is not taking a drug that can cause hyperkalemia (such as ACE inhibitor, ARB, aldosterone antagonist, or potassium-sparing diuretic)
 - Patient is using the lowest effective dose of the drug(s) that can cause hyperkalemia AND there is no therapeutic alternative to the medication(s)
- 4. Inadequate treatment response, intolerance, or contraindication to a loop or thiazide diuretic
- 5. Patient is on a low potassium diet (2-3 grams per day)
- 6. NO dual therapy with another potassium binder

Prior - Approval Limits

Quantity

Lokelma

Strength	Quantity Limit
5 gram packet	270 packets per 90 days
10 gram packet	

Veltassa



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Strength	Quantity Limit
1 gram packet	360 packets per 90 days OR
8.4 gram packet	270 packets per 90 days OR
16.8 gram packet	90 packets per 90 days OR
25.2 gram packet	90 packets per 90 days

*Maximum daily limit of any combination of Veltassa: 25.2 grams

Duration 12 months

Prior – Approval Renewal Requirements

Age Lokelma only: 18 years of age or older Veltassa only: 12 years of age or older

Diagnosis

Patient must have the following:

Hyperkalemia

AND ALL of the following:

- 1. Prescriber agrees to adjust the dose based on the serum potassium level
- 2. Prescriber agrees **NOT** to use this medication as emergency
- 3. Patients **WITHOUT** chronic kidney disease (CKD) **only**:
 - a. Patient has **ONE** of the following:
 - i. Patient is not taking a drug that can cause hyperkalemia (such as ACE inhibitor, ARB, aldosterone antagonist, or potassium-sparing diuretic)
 - Patient is using the lowest effective dose of the drug(s) that can cause hyperkalemia AND there is no therapeutic alternative to the medication(s)
- 4. Patient is on a low potassium diet (2-3 grams per day)
- 5. NO dual therapy with another potassium binder

Prior - Approval Renewal Limits

Same as above



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