

Initial Prior Authorization

Topical Retinoids

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
Altreno	tretinoin
Atralin	tretinoin
Avita	tretinoin
clindamycin/tretinoin (brand unavailable)	clindamycin/tretinoin
Retin-A	tretinoin
Retin-A Micro	tretinoin
Twynéo	tretinoin/benzoyl peroxide
Ziana	clindamycin/tretinoin

Indications

FDA-approved Indications

Atralin, Avita, Retin-A

Atralin, Avita, and Retin-A are indicated for topical treatment of acne vulgaris. The safety and efficacy of this product in the treatment of other disorders have not been established.

Altreno (tretinoin) lotion 0.05%, Twynéo

Altreno (tretinoin) lotion 0.05% and Twynéo are indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris in patients 9 years of age and older.

Reference number(s)
355-A, 237-A

Retin-A Micro

Retin-A Micro is a retinoid indicated for topical application in the treatment of acne vulgaris.

Ziana, clindamycin phosphate/tretinoin gel

Ziana Gel and clindamycin phosphate/tretinoin gel are indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris in patients 12 years or older.

Compendial Uses

Keratosis follicularis (Darier's disease, Darier-White disease)^{11,13-15}

Coverage Criteria

Acne Vulgaris

Authorization may be granted when the patient has a diagnosis of acne vulgaris.

Keratosis Follicularis

Authorization may be granted when the patient has a diagnosis of keratosis follicularis (Darier's disease, Darier-White disease).

Continuation of Therapy

Acne Vulgaris

Authorization may be granted when the patient has a diagnosis of acne vulgaris when the following criteria is met:

- The patient has achieved or maintained a positive clinical response as evidenced by improvement (e.g., reduction in number of lesions, patient satisfaction, etc.).

Keratosis Follicularis

Authorization may be granted when the patient has a diagnosis of keratosis follicularis (Darier's disease, Darier-White disease) when the following criteria is met:

- The patient has achieved or maintained a positive clinical response as evidenced by improvement.

Duration of Approval (DOA)

- 355-A: Initial therapy DOA: 4 months; Continuation of therapy DOA: 36 months
- 237-A: Initial therapy DOA: 4 months; Continuation of therapy DOA: 12 months

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