

Enhanced Specialty Guideline Management Treatment of Atopic Dermatitis Dupixent

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
Dupixent	dupilumab

Indications

This program applies to Dupixent for the treatment of atopic dermatitis. For indications other than atopic dermatitis, refer to the Specialty Guideline Management program for Dupixent. Coverage will be provided if all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

Documentation

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

- Initial requests:
 - Member's chart notes or medical records showing affected area(s) and body surface area (where applicable).

- Member's chart notes or medical record documentation and claims history of prerequisite therapies (including topical calcineurin inhibitors, topical corticosteroids, or biologics/targeted synthetic drugs) including dosage, duration, and response to therapy. If prerequisite therapy is not advisable, documentation of why topical corticosteroid and/or topical calcineurin inhibitor is/are not advisable for the member.
- Continuation requests: Documentation (e.g., chart notes) that the member has experienced a positive clinical response to therapy as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs or symptoms of atopic dermatitis.

Prescriber Specialties

This medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or allergist/immunologist.

Coverage Criteria

Authorization of 4 months may be granted for members 6 months of age or older who have previously received a biologic (e.g., Adbry) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Cibinqo, Rinvoq) indicated for moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis in the past 180 days.

Authorization of 4 months may be granted for treatment of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis in members 6 months of age or older when both of the following criteria are met:¹⁻⁷

- Affected body surface area is greater than or equal to 10% body surface area OR crucial body areas (e.g., hands, feet, face, neck, scalp, genitals/groin, intertriginous areas) are affected.
- Member meets either of the following:
 - Member has had an inadequate treatment response with either of the following in the past 180 days:
 - A high potency or super-high potency topical corticosteroid (see Appendix)
 - A topical calcineurin inhibitor
 - The use of high potency or super-high potency topical corticosteroid and topical calcineurin inhibitor are not advisable for the member (e.g., due to contraindications, prior intolerances, potency not appropriate for member's age).

Continuation of Therapy

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 6 months of age or older (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity (i.e., clear or almost clear skin) or improvement in signs and symptoms of atopic dermatitis (e.g., redness, itching, oozing/crusting).

Other

Member cannot use the requested medication concomitantly with any other biologic drug or targeted synthetic drug for the same indication.

Dosage and Administration

Approvals may be subject to dosing limits in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, accepted compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines.

Appendix

Table. Relative Potency of Select Topical Corticosteroid Products⁸

Potency	Drug	Dosage form	Strength
I. Super-high potency (group 1)	Augmented betamethasone dipropionate	Ointment, Lotion, Gel	0.05%
I. Super-high potency (group 1)	Clobetasol propionate	Cream, Gel, Ointment, Solution, Cream (emollient), Lotion, Shampoo, Foam, Spray	0.05%
I. Super-high potency (group 1)	Fluocinonide	Cream	0.1%
I. Super-high potency (group 1)	Flurandrenolide	Tape	4 mcg/cm ²
I. Super-high potency (group 1)	Halobetasol propionate	Cream, Lotion, Ointment, Foam	0.05%
II. High potency (group 2)	Amcinonide	Ointment	0.1%
II. High potency (group 2)	Augmented betamethasone dipropionate	Cream	0.05%
II. High potency (group 2)	Betamethasone dipropionate	Ointment	0.05%
II. High potency (group 2)	Clobetasol propionate	Cream	0.025%
II. High potency (group 2)	Desoximetasone	Cream, Ointment, Spray	0.25%
II. High potency (group 2)	Desoximetasone	Gel	0.05%

Potency	Drug	Dosage form	Strength
II. High potency (group 2)	Diflorasone diacetate	Ointment, Cream (emollient)	0.05%
II. High potency (group 2)	Fluocinonide	Cream, Ointment, Gel, Solution	0.05%
II. High potency (group 2)	Halcinonide	Cream, Ointment	0.1%
II. High potency (group 2)	Halobetasol propionate	Lotion	0.01%
III. High potency (group 3)	Amcinonide	Cream, Lotion	0.1%
III. High potency (group 3)	Betamethasone dipropionate	Cream, hydrophilic emollient	0.05%
III. High potency (group 3)	Betamethasone valerate	Ointment	0.1%
III. High potency (group 3)	Betamethasone valerate	Foam	0.12%
III. High potency (group 3)	Desoximetasone	Cream, Ointment	0.05%
III. High potency (group 3)	Diflorasone diacetate	Cream	0.05%
III. High potency (group 3)	Fluocinonide	Cream, aqueous emollient	0.05%
III. High potency (group 3)	Fluticasone propionate	Ointment	0.005%
III. High potency (group 3)	Mometasone furoate	Ointment	0.1%
III. High potency (group 3)	Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream, Ointment	0.5%
IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Betamethasone dipropionate	Spray	0.05%
IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Clocortolone pivalate	Cream	0.1%
IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Fluocinolone acetonide	Ointment	0.025%
IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Flurandrenolide	Ointment	0.05%
IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Hydrocortisone valerate	Ointment	0.2%
IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Mometasone furoate	Cream, Lotion, Solution	0.1%
IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream	0.1%

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IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Triamcinolone acetonide	Ointment	0.05% and 0.1%
IV. Medium potency (group 4)	Triamcinolone acetonide	Aerosol Spray	0.2 mg per 2-second spray
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Betamethasone dipropionate	Lotion	0.05%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Betamethasone valerate	Cream	0.1%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Desonide	Ointment, Gel	0.05%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Fluocinolone acetonide	Cream	0.025%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Flurandrenolide	Cream, Lotion	0.05%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Fluticasone propionate	Cream, Lotion	0.05%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Hydrocortisone butyrate	Cream, Lotion, Ointment, Solution	0.1%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Hydrocortisone probutate	Cream	0.1%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Hydrocortisone valerate	Cream	0.2%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Prednicarbate	Cream (emollient), Ointment	0.1%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Triamcinolone acetonide	Lotion	0.1%
V. Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Triamcinolone acetonide	Ointment	0.025%
VI. Low potency (group 6)	Alclometasone dipropionate	Cream, Ointment	0.05%
VI. Low potency (group 6)	Betamethasone valerate	Lotion	0.1%
VI. Low potency (group 6)	Desonide	Cream, Lotion, Foam	0.05%
VI. Low potency (group 6)	Fluocinolone acetonide	Cream, Solution, Shampoo, Oil	0.01%

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VI. Low potency (group 6)	Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream, lotion	0.025%
VII. Least potent (group 7)	Hydrocortisone (base, greater than or equal to 2%)	Cream, Ointment, Solution	2.5%
VII. Least potent (group 7)	Hydrocortisone (base, greater than or equal to 2%)	Lotion	2%
VII. Least potent (group 7)	Hydrocortisone (base, less than 2%)	Cream, Ointment, Gel, Lotion, Spray, Solution	1%
VII. Least potent (group 7)	Hydrocortisone (base, less than 2%)	Cream, Ointment	0.5%
VII. Least potent (group 7)	Hydrocortisone acetate	Cream	2.5%
VII. Least potent (group 7)	Hydrocortisone acetate	Lotion	2%
VII. Least potent (group 7)	Hydrocortisone acetate	Cream	1%

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