

# Specialty Guideline Management Universal Criteria

## Program Description

The Specialty Universal Criteria ensure appropriate utilization of specialty medications and confirm that selection elements established in the FDA-approved product labeling are followed. These universal criteria for approval apply to medications not otherwise managed through a product-specific Specialty Guideline Management (SGM) program or Prior Authorization programs. The criteria may be applied in situations where specific criteria are pending development.

These universal criteria confirm the medication is prescribed for an FDA-approved indication and that the member has no contraindications to therapy as described in the FDA-approved product labeling.

## Coverage Criteria

Authorization of 3 months may be granted for a requested medication when all of the following criteria are met:

- The medication is prescribed for an FDA-approved indication.
- The member has no contraindications to therapy as described in the FDA-approved product labeling.