

# PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

**BRAND NAME**  
(generic)

**DIBENZYLINE**  
(phenoxybenzamine)

**Status:** CVS Caremark® Criteria

**Type:** Initial Prior Authorization with Quantity Limit

## POLICY

### FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Dibenzylamine is indicated in the treatment of pheochromocytoma, to control episodes of hypertension and sweating. If tachycardia is excessive, it may be necessary to use a beta-blocking agent concomitantly.

### Compendial Uses

Paraganglioma<sup>5,6</sup>

## COVERAGE CRITERIA

### **Pheochromocytoma or Paraganglioma**

Authorization may be granted when the requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of pheochromocytoma or paraganglioma to control episodes of hypertension and sweating when ONE of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has experienced an inadequate treatment response to an alpha 1 selective adrenergic receptor blocker (e.g., doxazosin, prazosin, terazosin)
- The patient has experienced an intolerance to an alpha 1 selective adrenergic receptor blocker (e.g., doxazosin, prazosin, terazosin)
- The patient has a contraindication that would prohibit a trial of an alpha 1 selective adrenergic receptor blocker (e.g., doxazosin, prazosin, terazosin)

### QUANTITY LIMITS APPLY

360 capsules per 25 days\* or 1,080 capsules per 75 days\*

\*The duration of 25 days is used for a 30-day fill period and 75 days is used for a 90-day fill period to allow time for refill processing.

### DURATION OF APPROVAL (DOA)

- 3673-C: DOA: 12 months

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