New Hampshire Medicaid Fee-for-Service Program Topical Retinoids (Acne Treatment) Criteria

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Medication

Brand Name	Generic Name	Strengths
Differin®	adapalene	0.1% cream, 0.1% lotion, 0.3% gel
Epiduo® Forte	adapalene/benzoyl peroxide	0.1/2.5%, 0.3/2.5%
Ziana®	clindamycin/tretinoin	1.2%/0.025% gel
	tazarotene	0.05% gel, 0.1% gel
	tazarotene	0.1% cream
Fabior®	tazarotene	0.1% foam
	tretinoin	0.01% gel, 0.025% gel, 0.025% cream, 0.05% gel, 0.05% cream, 0.1% cream
	tretinoin microspheres	0.08% gel

Patients under the age of 40 are exempt from prior approval requirement for preferred medications only.

Criteria for Approval

1. Patient age ≥ 40 years: **AND**
2. Diagnosis is considered a non-cosmetic medical condition such as acne vulgaris, psoriasis, precancerous skin lesions; **AND**
3. Diagnosis is not being requested solely for cosmetic purposes such as photoaging, wrinkling, hyperpigmentation, sun damage, or melasma.

Non-preferred drugs on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) require additional prior authorization.

Criteria for Denial

1. Prior approval will be denied if the approval criteria are not met

Length of Authorization: 12 months

Revision History

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