

Clinical Policy: Atypical Antipsychotic Agents

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See [Important Reminder](#) at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description

Central Nervous System (CNS) Agents: Atypical Antipsychotics

NO PA REQUIRED "PREFERRED"	STEP THERAPY REQUIRED "PREFERRED"	PA REQUIRED "NON-PREFERRED"
ARIPIPRAZOLE tablet CLOZAPINE GEODON INVEGA OLANZAPINE PERSERIS QUETIAPINE QUETIAPINE ER RISPERIDONE RISPERDAL ZIPRASIDONE	LATUDA® (lurasidone) FANAPT® (iloperidone) SAPHRIS® (asenapine)	ABILIFY DISCMELT® ABILIFY MYCITE® ARIPIPRAZOLE solution CAPLYTA CLOZAPINE ODT FLUOXETINE/OLANZAPINE NUPLAZID OLANZAPINE ODT PALIPERIDONE REXULTI® SECUADO VERSACLOZ® VRAYLAR™

ANTIPSYCHOTICS, SECOND GENERATION, LONG-ACTING INJECTABLES +

NO PA REQUIRED "PREFERRED"	PA REQUIRED "NON-PREFERRED"
ABILIFY MAINTENA® (aripiprazole) ARISTADA™ (aripiprazole lauroxil) ARISTADA™ Initio (aripiprazole lauroxil) INVEGA SUSTENNA® (paliperidone) INVEGA TRINZA® (paliperidone) PERSERIS™ (risperidone) RISPERDAL CONSTA® (risperidone)	ZYPREXA RELPREVV® (olanzapine)

+ Long-Acting Injectable Antipsychotics may be billed by the pharmacy if they are not dispensed directly to the patient. If not administered by the pharmacist, the drug must be released only to the administering provider or administering provider's staff, following all regulations for a Prescription Pick-Up Station as described by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

- Refer to Clinical Pharmacology or other appropriate clinical resource for FDA approved indications

PSYCHIATRIST EXEMPTION:

Providers (as identified below) are exempt from prior authorization of any non-preferred second-generation antipsychotic, or step therapy of any preferred brand, in the standard tablet/capsule dosage forms. Other dosage forms may still require prior authorization. The exemption will be processed by the claims system when the pharmacy has submitted the prescriber on the claim using the individual national provider identifier (NPI) for the provider.

- **FFS:** Physicians who are registered with Ohio Medicaid as having a specialty in Psychiatry
- **MCOs:** Physicians with a specialty in psychiatry, nurse practitioners certified in psychiatric mental health, or clinical nurse specialists certified in psychiatric mental health, who are credentialed via the Medicaid managed care plan

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that the medications listed in the above tables are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Prescribed indication is FDA-approved or supported by standard pharmacopeias (must meet all):**

1. For a non-preferred drug, there must have been inadequate clinical response to preferred alternatives, including a trial of no less than thirty days each of at least two preferred or step therapy products unless one of the following:
 - a. Allergy to preferred medications
 - b. Contraindication to or drug interaction with preferred medications
 - c. History of unacceptable/toxic side effects to preferred medications
 - d. The requested medication's corresponding generic (if covered by the state) has been attempted and failed or is contraindicated.
 - e. If the requested medication is an orally disintegrating tablet, the member is unable or unwilling to swallow the standard tablet/capsule dosage form
2. For a drug requiring step therapy, there must have been inadequate clinical response to preferred alternatives, including a trial of no less than thirty days of at least one preferred product unless one of the following:
 - a. Allergy to preferred medications
 - b. Contraindication to or drug interaction with preferred medications

- c. History of unacceptable/toxic side effects to preferred medications
 - d. The requested medication's corresponding generic (if covered by the state) has been attempted and failed or is contraindicated
 - e. If the requested medication is an orally disintegrating tablet, the member is unable or unwilling to swallow the standard tablet/capsule dosage form
3. Lurasidone (pregnancy category B) may be approved if member is pregnant
 4. If medication is Abilify Mycite it must be prescribed by a psychiatrist following an aripiprazole serum blood level draw indicating need for further investigation of adherence
 5. If medication is Nuplazid (must meet all):
 - a. Patient is diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and has psychotic symptoms (hallucinations and/or delusions) that started after Parkinson's diagnosis
 - b. These psychotic symptoms are severe and frequent enough to warrant treatment with an antipsychotic AND are not related to dementia or delirium
 - c. The patient's other medications for Parkinson's Disease have been reduced or adjusted and psychotic symptoms remain OR patient is unable to tolerate adjustment of these other medications
 - d. There has been inadequate clinical response to a trial of no less than thirty days of either quetiapine or clozapine OR these therapies cannot be utilized
 - e. An exemption to the criteria will be granted for prescribing doctors with a neurology specialty to a patient with a history of an anti-Parkinson's agent
 6. If medication is fluoxetine/olanzapine (Symbyax) member must have had a trial of no less than 30 days each of at least two preferred second generation oral antipsychotics or step therapy products

Approval duration: 12 months

II. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

III. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

- Dosing varies by drug product. See FDA approved dosing and administration.

Appendix C: Contraindications / Boxed Warnings

- Refer to Clinical Pharmacology or other appropriate clinical resource for contraindications or black box warnings

IV. Dosage and Administration

A. Varies by drug product. See FDA approved dosing and administration

V. Product Availability

A. Varies by drug product. Refer to Clinical Pharmacology or other appropriate clinical resource for product availability

VI. References

Refer to package insert

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created	11.2019	
Policy updated. Quetiapine ER changed to preferred. A trial of no less than 30 days each of at least two preferred second generation oral antipsychotics or step therapy products for non-preferred Symbyax. Added psychiatrist exemption verbiage. Added Caplyta and Secuado as pa required “non-preferred.	06.21	
Annual review – Updated preferred/non-preferred chart	11.21	

Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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Note:

For Medicaid members, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.

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