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Physician Administered Drug Prior Authorization Criteria for Vivitrol®

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Vivitrol® naltrexone

Vivitrol® is an extended-release injectable naltrexone. Naltrexone is an opioid antagonist with high affinity for the mu opioid receptor.

Indications:

1. The treatment of alcohol dependence in patients who are able to abstain from alcohol in an outpatient setting prior to initiation of treatment with Vivitrol®.
2. The prevention of relapse to opioid dependence, following opioid detoxification.

Criteria for Approval:

1. Diagnosis of either alcohol use disorder or opioid use disorder; AND
2. Clinical reason why member can not use an oral formulation of naltrexone; AND
3. Provider attests that member is part of a comprehensive management program including counseling; AND
4. Member has been informed that if treatment is for opioid use disorder, the member will be permanently locked out of opioids; meaning that a prior authorization will be required for any future fills of opioids for acute situations; AND
5. For opioid use disorder, member has been opioid-free for at least 7 days.

Criteria for Denial:

1. Member is currently receiving opioids, has current physiologic opioid dependence, or is in acute opioid withdrawal.
2. Hypersensitivity to naltrexone or components of the diluent.

Quantity Limit:

One injection (380mg) every 4 weeks.

Criteria for Renewal Authorization Approval:

1. Member has been adherent to treatment.
2. Treatment has been efficacious. Documentation may be requested to support this assertion.

References:

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