

Clinical Pharmacy Program Guidelines for Daraprim

Program	Prior Authorization
Medication	Daraprim (pyrimethamine)
Markets in Scope	Arizona, California, Florida- CHIP, Hawaii, Nevada, Ohio
Issue Date	10/2015
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Approval Date	3/2019
Effective Date	5/2019

1. Background:

Daraprim[®] (pyrimethamine) is indicated for the treatment of toxoplasmosis when used conjointly with a sulfonamide, since synergism exists with this combination.

The use of Daraprim for the treatment or prophylaxis of malaria is no longer recommended in the CDC Guidelines for the Treatment of Malaria in the United States. For the treatment of malaria, contact the CDC Malaria Hotline: (770) 488-7788 or (855) 856-4713 toll-free Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm EST - (770) 488-7100 after hours, weekends and federal holidays²⁻³

Limitations of Use:

Outpatient medication access is available exclusively through the Daraprim Direct program in partnership with Optime Care, Inc.⁴

Members will be required to meet the coverage criteria below.

2. Coverage Criteria:

A. **Daraprim** will be approved based on medical record documentation (e.g. chart notes) to **one** of the following criteria:

1. Treatment of severe acquired toxoplasmosis, including toxoplasmic encephalitis

-OR-

2. Treatment of congenital toxoplasmosis

-OR-

3. Secondary prophylaxis of toxoplasmic encephalitis

-OR-

4. **All** of the following:

- a. Primary Pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP) prophylaxis in HIV-infected patients or as secondary prophylaxis in HIV-infected patients who have been treated for an acute episode of Pneumocystis pneumonia
- b. Patient has experienced intolerance to prior prophylaxis with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX)
- c. **One** of the following:
 - (1) Patient has been re-challenged with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX) using a desensitization protocol and is still unable to tolerate
 - (2) Evidence of moderately severe or life threatening-reaction to trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX) in the past (e.g. toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), Stevens-Johnson syndrome)

-OR-

5. **All** of the following:

- a. Primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmic encephalitis
- b. Toxoplasma IgG positive
- c. $CD4 \leq 100$ cells/mm³ if initiating prophylaxis or if $CD4$ 100-200 cells/mm³ if reinstating prophylaxis
- d. Will be used in combination with dapsone or atovaquone
- e. Patient has experienced intolerance to prior prophylaxis with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX)
- f. **One** of the following:

- (1) Patient has been re-challenged with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX) using a desensitization protocol and is still unable to tolerate
- (2) Evidence of moderately severe or life threatening-reaction to trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX) in the past (e.g. toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), Stevens-Johnson syndrome)

Authorization will be issued for 12 months.*

***Consider discontinuation of primary prophylaxis if CD4 > 200 cells/mm³ for > 3 months after institution of combination antiretroviral therapy.**

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4. Daraprim How to Prescribe Information. Accessed April 3, 2019: <http://www.daraprimdirect.com/how-to-prescribe>
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Program	Prior Authorization –Daraprim (pyrimethamine)
Change Control	
Date	Change
10/2015	New program
11/2016	Updated clinical criteria to align with Employer and Individual
11/2017	Updated references
3/2018	Added criteria for PCP prophylaxis and clarified existing criteria. Updated references.

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5/2019	Updated background information. Clarified CD4 count for prophylaxis. Updated references.
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