



UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy  
Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2021 P 1218-5
Program	Prior Authorization/Notification
Medication	Emflaza <sup>®</sup> (deflazacort)
P&T Approval Date	5/2017, 10/2018, 10/2019, 10/2020, 10/2021
Effective Date	2/1/2022; Oxford only: N/A

**1. Background:**

Emflaza<sup>®</sup> (deflazacort) is a corticosteroid indicated for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) in patients 2 years of age and older.<sup>1</sup>

**2. Coverage Criteria:**

**A. Initial Authorization**

1. **Emflaza** will be approved based on the following criterion:

- a. Diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy

**Authorization will be issued for 12 months**

**B. Reauthorization**

1. **Emflaza** will be approved based on the following criterion:

- a. Documentation of positive clinical response to Emflaza therapy

**Authorization will be issued for 12 months**

**3. Additional Clinical Rules:**

- Notwithstanding Coverage Criteria, UnitedHealthcare may approve initial and re-authorization based solely on previous claim/medication history, diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and/or claim logic. Use of automated approval and re-approval processes varies by program and/or therapeutic class.
- Supply limits, Medical Necessity and/or Step Therapy may be in place.

**4. References:**

1. Emflaza [package insert]. South Plainfield, NJ: PTC Therapeutics Inc. June 2021.



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<b>Change Control</b>	
5/2017	New program.
10/2018	Annual review. No changes to criteria. Updated reference.
10/2019	Annual review. Updated background updating indication in patients 2 years and older. Updated reference.
10/2020	Annual review. No change to clinical criteria.
10/2021	Annual review with no change to clinical criteria. Reference updated.