

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(generic)

(acamprosate calcium)

Status: CVS Caremark Criteria

Type: Initial Prior Authorization

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Acamprosate calcium is indicated for the maintenance of abstinence from alcohol in patients with alcohol dependence who are abstinent at treatment initiation. Treatment with acamprosate calcium should be part of a comprehensive management program that includes psychosocial support.

The efficacy of acamprosate calcium in promoting abstinence has not been demonstrated in subjects who have not undergone detoxification and not achieved alcohol abstinence prior to beginning acamprosate calcium treatment. The efficacy of acamprosate calcium in promoting abstinence from alcohol in polysubstance abusers has not been adequately assessed.

COVERAGE CRITERIA

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

- Patient has a diagnosis of alcohol dependence AND the requested drug will be prescribed as part of a comprehensive psychosocial treatment program

AND

- The patient is, or the patient will be, abstinent from alcohol at treatment initiation

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