

# QUANTITY LIMIT CRITERIA

**BRAND NAME**  
(generic)

**ALINIA**  
(nitazoxanide)

**Status: CVS Caremark Criteria**  
**Type: Quantity Limit with Age Edit**

## POLICY

### FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Alinia for Oral Suspension (patients 1 year of age and older) and Alinia Tablets (patients 12 years and older) are indicated for the treatment of diarrhea caused by *Giardia lamblia* or *Cryptosporidium parvum*. Alinia for Oral Suspension and Alinia Tablets have not been shown to be effective for the treatment of diarrhea caused by *Cryptosporidium parvum* in HIV-infected or immunodeficient patients.

### Compendial Uses

Human fascioliasis (*Fasciola hepatica*)  
*Clostridium difficile* colitis

## REFERENCES

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## LIMIT CRITERIA

This drug is indicated for short-term acute use.

	<b>1 Month Limit*</b>	<b>Age Edit</b>
Alinia 100 mg/5 mL Oral Suspension (nitazoxanide)	540 mL per 25 days	1 year of age and older
Alinia 500 mg Tablets	20 tablets per 25 days	12 years of age and older

(nitazoxanide)

*\*The duration of 25 days is used for a 30-day fill period.*

***\* These drugs are for short-term acute use; therefore, the mail limit will be the same as the retail limit.***