

QUANTITY LIMIT CRITERIA

DRUG CLASS GENERIC)	BUTALBITAL CONTAINING ANALGESICS (BRAND AND
BRAND NAME (generic)	(butalbital and acetaminophen)
	(butalbital, acetaminophen, and caffeine)
	(butalbital, acetaminophen, caffeine, and codeine)
	(butalbital, aspirin, and caffeine)
	(butalbital, aspirin, caffeine, and codeine)
Status: CVS Caremark Criteria	
Type: Quantity Limit	

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Butalbital containing products (e.g., Allzital, Esgic, Fioricet, Fioricet with Codeine, Fiorinal, Fiorinal with Codeine, Vanatol LQ) are indicated for the relief of the symptom complex of tension (or muscle contraction) headache.

Evidence supporting the efficacy and safety of this combination product in the treatment of multiple recurrent headaches is unavailable. Caution in this regard is required because butalbital is habit-forming and potentially abusable.

LIMIT CRITERIA

This quantity limit should accumulate across all drugs and strengths up to highest quantity listed depending on the order the claims are processed. Accumulation does not apply if limit is coded for daily dose.

Drug	1 Month Limit*	3 Month Limit*
butalbital, acetaminophen, and caffeine solution	720 mL / 25 days	2160 mL / 75 days
Allzital butalbital 25 mg/acetaminophen 325 mg	96 units / 25 days	288 units / 75 days
butalbital and acetaminophen	48 units / 25 days	144 units / 75 days
butalbital, acetaminophen, and caffeine	48 units / 25 days	144 units / 75 days

Butalbital Products Quantity Limit

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<i>*The duration of 25 days is used for a 30-day fill period and 75 days is used for a 90-day fill period to allow time for refill processing.</i>		
<i>*The limit criteria apply to both brand and generic, if available.</i>		

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