

## STEP THERAPY CRITERIA

**BRAND NAME  
(generic)**

**PRUDOXIN  
(doxepin)**

**ZONALON  
(doxepin)**

**Status: CVS Caremark Criteria**

**Type: Initial Step Therapy with Quantity Limit;**

**Post Step Therapy Prior Authorization with Quantity Limit**

**POLICY**

**FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS**

Prudoxin and Zonalon are indicated for the short-term (up to 8 days) management of moderate pruritus in adult patients with atopic dermatitis or lichen simplex chronicus.

**INITIAL STEP THERAPY with QUANTITY LIMIT\***

If the patient has filled a prescription for at least a 7 day supply of a generic topical corticosteroid AND at least a 7 day supply of topical tacrolimus (Protopic) or Elidel (pimecrolimus) within the past 120 days under a prescription benefit administered by CVS Caremark, then the requested drug will be paid under that prescription benefit.\* If the patient does not meet the initial step therapy criteria, then the claim will reject with a message indicating that a prior authorization (PA) is required. The prior authorization criteria would then be applied to requests submitted for evaluation to the PA unit.

\*If the patient meets the initial step therapy criteria, then the initial limit criteria will apply. If the patient is requesting more than the initial quantity limit the claim will reject with a message indicating that a PA is required.

**\*QUANTITY LIMIT CRITERIA**

<b>Drug</b>	<b>1 Month Limit* and 3 Month Limit*</b>
Prudoxin (doxepin)	90 grams/25 days
Zonalon (doxepin)	90 grams/25 days

\* This drug is indicated for short-term acute use; therefore, the 1 month, 3 month, retail, and mail limits will be the same.

\*The limit criteria apply to both brand and generic, if available.

**COVERAGE CRITERIA**

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

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- The requested drug is being prescribed for short-term (up to 8 days) management of moderate pruritus in an adult patient with atopic dermatitis or lichen simplex chronicus
- The patient has experienced an inadequate response to a topical corticosteroid or topical tacrolimus (Protopic) or pimecrolimus (Elidel)

Quantity limits apply.

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