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# **STEP THERAPY CRITERIA**

BRAND NAME (generic)

VANCOCIN Capsules (vancomycin hydrochloride capsules)

Status: CVS Caremark Criteria Type: Initial Step Therapy with Qty Limit; Post Step Therapy Prior Authorization with Qty Limit

## POLICY

### **FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS**

Vancocin capsules are indicated for the treatment of *C. difficile*-associated diarrhea. Vancocin capsules are also used for the treatment of enterocolitis caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* (including methicillin-resistant strains).

Orally administered Vancocin is not effective for other types of infections.

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

If the patient has filled a prescription for a 10 day supply of metronidazole OR a 7 day supply of Vancocin capsules (vancomycin hydrochloride) OR a 10 day supply of Dificid within the past 60 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.

\*For patients who meet the Initial Step, the quantity for approval will be 80 capsules.

### **COVERAGE CRITERIA**

Vancocin will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

· Patient has enterocolitis caused by Staphylococcus aureus

OR

- Patient has pseudomembranous colitis caused by C. difficile (CDI) AND
- Has experienced an inadequate treatment response to metronidazole after a trial of at least 10 days, OR has intolerance or contraindication to metronidazole OR is not a candidate for treatment with metronidazole, e.g., severe CDI, second recurrence

Quantity limits apply. #80 caps

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Vancocin Capsules Step Therapy Policy 12-2016

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