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Butalbital-Caffeine Products

Applies To:

Non-Preferred Products

Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine 50-300-40 mg Capsule (FIORICET)

Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine 50-325-40 mg Capsule (ESGIC)

Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine-Codeine 50-300-40-30 mg (FIORICET WITH CODEINE)

VTOL LQ 50-325-40 mg/15 ml Solution

ZEBUTAL 50-325-40 mg Capsule

Preferred Products

Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine 50-325-40 mg Tablet (ESGIC)

Butalbital-Aspirin-Caffeine 50-325-40 mg Capsule (Fiorinal)

Butalbital-Aspirin-Caffeine 50-325-40 mg Tablet

ASCOMP-CODEINE 50-325-40-30 mg Capsule

Butalbital-Aspirin-Caffeine-Codeine 50-325-40-30 mg Capsule

Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine-Codeine 50-325-40-30 mg Capsule

Diagnosis Considered for Coverage:

• Tension headaches

Coverage Criteria:

For diagnosis listed above:

FOR NON-PREFERRED REQUESTS UP TO QUANTITY LIMIT

- Dose does not exceed 6 doses per day or 48 doses per month, and
- Inadequate response or intolerable side with two oral prescriptionstrength NSAIDs OR contraindication to all oral prescription-strength NSAIDs, and
- Intolerance or contraindication to the preferred butalbital-caffeine with either acetaminophen or aspirin formulation not expected with the non-preferred butalbital-caffeine combination product.

FOR ALL REQUESTS EXCEEDING QUANTITY LIMIT

- Being followed by a neurologist or a headache specialist, and
- Prescriber confirms the benefits of the drug outweigh any risks and will monitor for side effects, and
- Total number doses requested per month does not exceed the amount needed to treat the number of headache days experienced per month, and
- Dose does not exceed FDA label maximum, and
- For non-preferred agents:
 - Inadequate response or intolerable side with two oral

- prescription-strength NSAIDs OR contraindication to ALL oral prescription-strength NSAIDs, **and**
- Intolerance or contraindication to the preferred butalbitalcaffeine with either acetaminophen or aspirin formulation not expected with the non-preferred butalbital-caffeine combination product

Coverage Duration: one year

Effective Date: 5/3/2023