

Aripiprazole (Abilify Maintena®)

Place of Service

Office Administration

Home Infusion Administration

Outpatient Facility Administration

Infusion Center Administration

HCPCS: J0401 per 1 mg

Condition listed in policy (see criteria for details):

- [Bipolar disorder](#)
- [Schizophrenia](#)

AHFS therapeutic class: Atypical Antipsychotic

Mechanism of action: Efficacy of aripiprazole may be mediated through a combination of partial agonist activity at D2 and 5-HT1A receptors and antagonist activity at 5-HT2A receptors.

(1) Special Instructions and Pertinent Information

Covered under the Medical Benefit, please submit clinical information for prior authorization review via fax.

(2) Prior Authorization/Medical Review is required for the following condition(s)

All requests for Abilify Maintena® (aripiprazole) for conditions NOT LISTED in section 3 must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior to drug administration or claim payment.

Diagnoses other than schizophrenia or bipolar

- Regimen is a continuation of inpatient hospital therapy

Covered Doses

Cover up to 400mg IM injection monthly

Coverage Period

Indefinite

(3) The following condition(s) DO NOT require Prior Authorization/Preservice

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Bipolar disorder or Schizophrenia

Covered Doses

Cover up to 400 mg IM injection monthly

ICD-10:

F20.0-F29

F30.10-F30.9,

F31.0-F31.9,

F33.8, F34.8, F34.9

(4) This Medication is NOT medically necessary for the following condition(s)

Coverage for a Non-FDA approved indication, requires that criteria outlined in Health and Safety Code § 1367.21, including objective evidence of efficacy and safety are met for the proposed indication.

Please refer to the Provider Manual and User Guide for more information.

(5) Additional Information

How Supplied:

300 mg/vial and 400 mg/vial of lyophilized powder for reconstitution

300 mg and 400 mg prefilled, dual-chamber syringes

(6) References

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(7) Policy Update

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- No clinical change to policy following revision.