

**cantharidin (Ycanth)**

**Commercial Medical Benefit Drug Policy**

**Place of Service**

Home Infusion

Office Administration

Outpatient Facility Infusion Administration

**Drug Details**

**USP Category:** DERMATOLOGICAL AGENTS

**Mechanism of Action:** Vesicant; Unknown MOA in the treatment of molluscum

**HCPCS:**

J7354:Cantharidin for topical administration, 0.7%, single unit dose applicator (3.2 mg)

**How Supplied:**

- Approximately 0.45 mL of 0.7% cantharidin solution. Each mL contains 7 mg cantharidin (0.7%). A Ycanth Break Tool is co-packaged as 2 units per each carton of applicators.
- Supplied in a glass ampule within a single use applicator

**Condition(s) listed in policy** *(see coverage criteria for details)*

- Molluscum Contagiosum (MC)

Any condition not listed in this policy requires a review to confirm it is medically necessary. For conditions that have not been approved for intended use by the Food and Drug Administration (i.e., off-label use), the criteria outlined in the Health and Safety Code section 1367.21 must be met.

**Special Instructions and Pertinent Information**

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) to ensure the member has met all medical necessity requirements.

The member's specific benefit may impact drug coverage. Other utilization management processes, and/or legal restrictions may take precedence over the application of this clinical criteria.

**Coverage Criteria**

**The following condition(s) require Prior Authorization/Preservice.**

**Molluscum Contagiosum (MC)**

**Meets medical necessity if all the following are met:**

1. Being used to treat molluscum contagiosum lesions

**Covered Doses:**

Two applicators can be used to apply the drug to lesions in a single treatment session. A treatment cycle can be repeated as often as every 3 weeks for a total of 4 treatment cycles per infection.

**Coverage Period:**

Four treatment cycles

**ICD-10:**

B08.1

**References**

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**Review History**

Date of Last Annual Review: 1Q2025

Changes from previous policy version:

- No clinical change to policy following annual review.

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