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Scope: Medicaid

**Drugs to Reduce Serum Phosphorus in Chronic Kidney Disease on Dialysis:**  
**Auryxia (ferric citrate)**  
**Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide)**  
**Xphozah (tenapanor hydrochloride)**

**POLICY**

**I. CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

An authorization of 12 months may be granted for adult patients 18 years and older when all the following criteria are met:

- A. The requested drug is being prescribed to reduce serum phosphorus in an adult patient with chronic kidney disease (CKD) who is currently receiving dialysis for End Stage Renal Disease AND
- B. Documentation that the patient has experienced an intolerance or inadequate treatment response (with documentation of progressively or persistently elevated serum phosphate >5.5mg/dL) to at least two formulary phosphate binders: calcium acetate tablets OR capsules, sevelamer tablets OR packets, and/or lanthanum chew tablets; AND
- C. If the requested drug being prescribed is Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) or Xphozah (tenapanor hydrochloride), the patient has experienced an intolerance or inadequate treatment response with documentation required of progressively or persistently elevated serum phosphate >5.5mg/dL when being treated with Auryxia (ferric citrate)

**II. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY**

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members who have documentation of a positive clinical response (e.g. reduction in serum phosphorus from pretreatment level)

**III. QUANTITY LIMIT**

- Auryxia (ferric citrate) 210 mg: 360 tablets per 30 days (12 tablets per day)
- Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) 500 mg: 180 chew tablets per 30 days (6 tablets per day)
- Xphozah (tenapanor hydrochloride) 10 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg: 60 tablets per 30 days (2 tablets per day)

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