Criteria-Based Consultation Prescribing Program CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

Desvenlafaxine base

<u>Initiation (new start) criteria</u>: Non-formulary **desvenlafaxine base** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

- Patient has a diagnosis of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD)
- Patient has failed a trial (adequate dose and duration) of at least 4
 antidepressants, including 2 SSRIs*, venlafaxine and 1 other agent (bupropion,
 mirtazapine, TCA*, duloxetine or another SSRI)
- Patient has documented allergic reaction to an inactive ingredient (e.g., dye) in desvenlafaxine succinate that is not present in desvenlafaxine base

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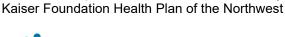
 Documented therapeutic failure or other adverse effects with desvenlafaxine succinate that are not resolved by adjusting the dose

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* New Member: after trial of venlafaxine, and desvenlafaxine succinate

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