

Criteria-Based Consultation Prescribing Program

CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

Potassium chloride (Klor-Con) 20 mEq packet

Notes:

* Care Group 4 is a term used by Kaiser to describe patients who are considered frail, have a serious medical illness, and/or have a high likelihood of needing to be hospitalized.

Initiation (new start) criteria: Non-formulary **potassium chloride (Klor-Con) 20 mEq packet** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

- Patient has documented intolerance or treatment failure with Klor-Con M 20 mEq tablets.
- Patient has documented intolerance or treatment failure with potassium chloride 10% liquid

-OR-

- Patient has any one of the following items:
 - Use a feeding tube
 - History of GI erosions, ulcers, stenosis, or bleeding
 - Diabetic gastroparesis

-OR-

- Patient has two or more of the following items:
 - Strictures
 - Cardiomegaly
 - Care Group 4*
 - Concomitant drug therapy that may increase risk of side effects (e.g. anticholinergics, anticoagulants, NSAIDs, bisphosphonates, or tetracyclines)