Criteria Based Consultation Prescribing Program

CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

Insulin glargine; lixisenatide (Soliqua) subcutaneous injection

NON-FORMULARY, CRITERIA-BASED DRUG (NON-MEDICARE PART D ONLY)
For questions or to consult with a Pharmacy Services about covered alternatives, call 32-2075 or 503-261-2075.
* Covered for NON-Medicare members only if criteria met as outlined below. Will be reviewed by pharmacist/MD.
* Covered for Medicare Part D members- no additional review required.

CRITERIA FOR Soliqua
On maximum dose for at least 3 months of 1 of the following 2 drug combinations:
Metformin (2000-2550 mg/day) and sulfonylurea (glipizide 20-40 mg/day or equivalent) - OR –
Metformin (2000-2550 mg/day) and pioglitazone (45 mg/day)
-AND-
* HbA1c on prescribing date between 7 and 9
-AND-
* Type 2 diabetes mellitus with recurrent nocturnal hypoglycemia with bedtime NPH dosing
defined as 3 or more episodes of nocturnal CBG less than 70 over the preceding 30 days that
persists despite NPH dose reduction
** For patients on 70/30, trial of NPH (dosed am and bedtime) and R (dosed breakfast and dinner)
insulin where the bedtime dose of NPH resulted in recurrent hypoglycemia as defined above
-OR-
* Type 2 diabetes mellitus that experience any episode of severe hypoglycemia defined as:
hypoglycemia resulting in seizures, loss of consciousness, episode necessitating assistance from
someone else, EMT, use of glucagon -OR-
-OR-
* Dose Change Only: Patient meets current criteria and is already taking the drug.

Cost: Soliqua costs $7,300 more per year than NPH insulin

EXPEDITED REVIEW PROCESS:
* If a delay in therapy of up to 3 days would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the patient,
please call 32-2075 or 503-261-2075 to initiate an expedited review IN ADDITION TO answering
the attached questions.

Conversion Criteria
Convert insulin component from glargine to NPH unit for unit (total daily dose of glargine given as
NPH split to twice daily)
*If meet criteria for insulin glargine:
Convert insulin component of Soliqua to glargine unit for unit