# Criteria Based Consultation Prescribing Program CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE Iubiprostone (Amitiza®)

For patients not currently taking lubiprostone (Amitiza®), non-formulary lubiprostone (Amitiza®) will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

1. Diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-constipation predominant) in women 18 years of age and older <u>ONLY</u>

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o naldemedine (Symproic) (also criteria based)

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