

Criteria-Based Consultation Prescribing Program

CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

Desvenlafaxine base

Initiation (new start) criteria: 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

-OR-

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

-OR-

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