

# Criteria Based Consultation Prescribing Program

## CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

### linaclotide (Linzess)

**Notes:**

Quantity Limits: Yes

**Initiation (new start) criteria and criteria for *current* Kaiser Permanente members already taking the medication:** Non-formulary **linaclotide (Linzess)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C)
  - Patient is at least 18 years old
  - Patient is intolerant to, has a contraindication to, or had an inadequate response to at least 4 weeks of scheduled doses of the following medications:
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    - Polyethylene glycol (MiraLAX/ClearLax)
    - Lubiprostone (Amitiza)
    - Plecanatide (Trulance) (criteria based)

**- OR -**

2. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic idiopathic constipation (CIC)
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    - An osmotic laxative: polyethylene glycol (MiraLAX) or lactulose
    - A stimulant laxative: senna or bisacodyl
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**Criteria for *new members* entering Kaiser Permanente already taking the medication who have not been reviewed previously:** Non-formulary **linaclotide (Linzess)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

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