

# Criteria-Based Consultation Prescribing Program

## CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

### Empagliflozin/ Metformin (Synjardy)

#### Notes:

- Quantity limits: Yes
- \* Intolerance excludes adverse drug reactions that are expected, mild in nature, resolve with continued treatment, and do not require medication discontinuation
- \*\* Per Kaiser National Clinical Practice Guideline, clinical ASCVD (secondary prevention) includes acute coronary syndrome (ACS), history of myocardial infarction (MI), stable or unstable angina, coronary or other arterial revascularization, ischemic stroke, transient ischemic attack (TIA), or symptomatic peripheral artery disease (PAD), all of atherosclerotic origin
  - Subclinical atherosclerosis, such as elevated coronary artery calcium or aortic atherosclerosis, or patients at high risk for ASCVD (primary prevention) are NOT included in the definition of clinical ASCVD

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    - On metformin or allergy or intolerance\* to metformin
  - 2) Chronic Kidney Disease with estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) less than 60 mL/min AND
    - On maximally tolerated dose or allergy or intolerance\* to ACE inhibitor or ARB
  - 3) Proteinuria defined as urine albumin/creatinine ratio (ACR) greater than 300 mg/gm or protein creatinine ratio (PCR) greater than 0.5 AND
    - On maximally tolerated dose or allergy or intolerance\* to ACE inhibitor or ARB
  - 4) Diagnosis of heart failure

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