

Criteria-Based Consultation Prescribing Program

CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

Rifaximin (Xifaxan)

Notes:

- Quantity Limits: Yes
- ^Adequate trial treatment duration is defined as:
 - Lactulose: 4 weeks
 - Loperamide, diphenoxylate-atropine, bile acid sequestrant, dicyclomine: 2 weeks
 - Tricyclic antidepressant: 6 weeks
- *Intolerance excludes adverse drug reactions that are expected, mild in nature, resolve with continued treatment, and do not require medication discontinuation
- **Avoid use in patients 65 and older (high risk medication in the elderly)
- ***If criteria met for IBS-D or Clostridioides difficile, prior authorization approved for 14 days.

Initiation (new start) criteria: Non-formulary **rifaximin (Xifaxan)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of hepatic encephalopathy
 - Patient is at least 18 years of age
 - Patient has failed an adequate trial[^], or has an allergy or intolerance* to lactulose
2. Patient has a diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D)
 - Patient has failed an adequate trial[^], or has an allergy or intolerance* to all of the following medications:
 - Loperamide
 - Diphenoxylate-atropine**
 - At least one bile acid sequestrant (e.g., cholestyramine or colestipol)
 - Dicyclomine[^]
 - At least one tricyclic antidepressant**
 - Patient has completed LESS than 3 courses of rifaximin for IBS-D (maximum of 3 total treatments with rifaximin per patient)***
3. Patient has a diagnosis of recurrent Clostridioides difficile
 - Prescriber is a Kaiser Permanente Infectious Disease Specialist***

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Criteria for new members entering Kaiser Permanente already taking the medication who have not been reviewed previously: Non-formulary rifaximin (Xifaxan) will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

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 - Patient is at least 18 years of age
 - Patient has failed an adequate trial[^], or has an allergy or intolerance* to lactulose

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