

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

Marketplace

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| DRUG NAME | Wakix (pitolisant) |
| BILLING CODE | Must use valid NDC |
| BENEFIT TYPE | Pharmacy |
| SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED | Home |
| COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS | Prior Authorization Required (Non-Preferred Product) QUANTITY LIMIT— 60 tablets per 30 days |
| LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY | Click Here |

Wakix (pitolisant) will only be considered for coverage under the **pharmacy** benefit when the following criteria are met:

Members must be clinically diagnosed with one of the following disease states and meet their individual criteria as stated.

NARCOLEPSY WITH EXCESSIVE DAYTIME SLEEPINESS (EDS)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is 18 years old or older; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or sleep specialist; AND
3. Member has a diagnosis of narcolepsy confirmed by sleep studies: polysomnogram and MSLT (multiple sleep latency test); AND
4. Member has symptoms of excessive sleepiness not attributed to other factors such as insufficient sleep, irregular sleep schedule, co-existent sleep disorder, medications or other substances; AND
5. Member's current score on the Epworth sleepiness scale (ESS) is documented in chart notes; AND
6. Member has tried and failed or did not tolerate the following, at max tolerated dose, for at least 30 days each: modafinil or armodafinil, AND Sunosi; AND
7. Member does not have ANY of the following:
 - a) Severe hepatic impairment;
 - b) End stage renal disease;
 - c) QT interval prolongation or cardiac arrhythmia.
8. **Dosage allowed:** Up to 2 tablets per day; max daily dose of 35.6mg (Two 17.8mg tablets once daily).

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Chart notes must show the member has an improved score on the Epworth sleepiness scale, and/or chart notes have been provided that show the member has improved signs and symptoms of disease.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

NARCOLEPSY WITH CATAPLEXY

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is 18 years old or older; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or sleep specialist; AND
3. Member must have a diagnosis of narcolepsy with cataplexy confirmed by sleep studies: polysomnogram and MSLT (multiple sleep latency test); AND
4. Member's current score on the Epworth Sleepiness Scale and baseline number of cataplexy attacks must be documented; AND
5. Member must have, unless specifically contraindicated, a compliant trial and failure of at least **one** of the following cataplexy treatments for no less than 30 days each: a tricyclic antidepressant (such as clomipramine), selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (such as fluoxetine), or serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (such as venlafaxine); AND
6. Member does not have ANY of the following:
 - a) Severe hepatic impairment;
 - b) End stage renal disease;
 - c) QT interval prolongation or cardiac arrhythmia.
7. **Dosage allowed:** Up to 2 tablets per day; max daily dose of 35.6mg (Two 17.8mg tablets once daily).

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Chart notes must show decreased frequency and/or severity of cataplexy attacks.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

CareSource considers Wakix (pitolisant) not medically necessary for the treatment of diseases that are not listed in this document.

| DATE | ACTION/DESCRIPTION |
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| 5/21/2020 | New policy for Wakix created. |
| 11/12/2020 | Added criteria for label update with cataplexy. |
| 02/01/2021 | For cataplexy, changed from trial and failure of 2 antidepressants to 1. |

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