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PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT
HAP CareSource™ Marketplace

DRUG NAME	Mycapssa (octreotide)
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Mycapssa is a somatostatin analog indicated for long-term maintenance treatment in acromegaly patients who have responded to and tolerated treatment with octreotide or lanreotide. It is a delayed-release oral capsule formulation of octreotide.
Acromegaly is typically the result of a GH-secreting pituitary adenoma, thus surgical resection is the preferred treatment whenever possible as the best chance for a cure. If disease persists after surgery, a first-generation long-acting somatostatin receptor ligand is recommended as first-line therapy.

Mycapssa (octreotide) will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

Acromegaly

For **initial** authorization:
1. Member is 18 years old or older; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist; AND
3. Member has documented diagnosis of acromegaly; AND
4. Member has been stabilized on injectable octreotide or lanreotide for at least 3 months, with documentation of IGF-1 demonstrating response to treatment; AND
5. Member has documented rationale for why it is medically necessary to switch to the oral formulation of octreotide (e.g., injection site reactions, ongoing symptoms despite biochemical control).
6. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:** initial dose of 40 mg orally per day, given as 20 mg orally twice daily. Titrate in 20 mg increments, based on IGF-1 levels. Max dose of 80 mg orally per day, given as 40 mg orally twice daily. Quantity limit: 112 capsules per 28 days.

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:
1. Chart notes/lab report must show maintained or normalized IGF-1.

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

HAP CareSource considers Mycapssa (octreotide) not medically necessary for the treatment of conditions that are not listed in this document. For any other indication, please refer to the Off-Label policy.

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
10/19/2020	New policy for Mycapssa created.
04/01/2022	Transferred to new template. Updated references.
03/21/2025	Updated references; clarified dosing; removed documentation of surgery or surgery not an option.

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