



## PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT North Carolina Marketplace

DRUG NAME	Gattex (teduglutide)
BILLING CODE	Must use valid NDC code
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Home
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (Non-Preferred Product) QUANTITY LIMIT— see “dosage allowed” below
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED <b>NOT</b> MEDICALLY NECESSARY	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

Gattex (teduglutide) is a **non-preferred** product and 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.

### SHORT BOWEL SYNDROME (SBS)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is 1 year of age or older (must weigh at least 10kg or 22 pounds); AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist; AND
3. Member has a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome and is dependent on parenteral support, defined by one of the following: <sup>3,5</sup>
  - a) 18 years of age and over: At least 12 months of dependence, requiring support 3 or more times per week
  - b) 17 years of age and under: At least 3 months of dependence, providing at least 30% of caloric/fluid needs; AND
4. Chart notes must document the baseline weekly volume of parenteral support; AND
5. Members 18 years old or older must have a colonoscopy within the past 6 months; AND
6. Member does not have colorectal cancer.
7. **Dosage allowed:** 0.05mg/kg once daily. Weight must be included in chart notes.

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

For **reauthorization**:

1. Member has not developed an active gastrointestinal malignancy; AND
2. Chart notes have been provided that show at least a 20% reduced volume of parenteral support need since treatment initiation.<sup>3,4</sup>

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

**CareSource considers Gattex (teduglutide) not medically necessary for the treatment of diseases that are not listed in this document.**

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DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
06/29/2020	New policy for Gattex created.
06/10/2021	Annual review, no changes

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