

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

Arkansas PASSE

DRUG NAME	Rebyota (fecal microbiota, live - jsln)
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Background statement: Rebyota is a fecal microbiota suspension for rectal administration approved by the FDA in 2022 for the prevention of *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI) in patients 18 years and older following completion of antibiotic treatment for recurrent CDI. This is the first FDA-approved microbiota-based therapy for prevention of recurrent CDI. Antibiotics including vancomycin and fidaxomicin are effective at treating CDI, however symptoms recur in ~15% of patients. Preceding FDA approval of Rebyota, Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) from donor stool administered via colonoscopy was used for prevention of recurrent CDI.

Rebyota (fecal microbiota, live-jsln) will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

Prevention of recurrence of *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is at least 18 years of age; AND
2. Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or infectious disease specialist; AND
3. Member has documentation of one or more recurrences of CDI (two or more episodes); AND
4. Member has a positive stool test for the presence of *Clostridioides difficile* within the past 30 days; AND
5. **Member has had a trial and failure of Zinplava; AND**
6. Member has completed or will have completed an appropriate antibiotic treatment regimen for recurrent CDI 24-72 hours prior to administration supported by claims history and/or provider documentation; AND
7. Rebyota is not prescribed for the treatment of CDI; AND
8. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:**
Administer a single dose of 150 mL rectally 24-72 hours after the last dose of antibiotics for CDI.

If all the above requirements are met, one dose of the medication will be approved.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Medication will not be reauthorized.

CareSource considers Rebyota (fecal microbiota, live-jslm) 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
01/30/2023	New policy for Rebyota created.
07/13/2023	Added trial of Zinplava.

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