

STEP THERAPY POLICY

- POLICY:** Isotretinoin Step Therapy Policy
- Absorica® (isotretinoin capsules – Sun, generic)
 - Absorica LD™ (isotretinoin capsules – Sun)
 - Accutane® (isotretinoin capsules – JG Pharma, generic)
 - Amnesteem® (isotretinoin capsules – Mylan, generic)
 - Claravis™ (isotretinoin capsules – Teva, generic)
 - Myorisan™ (isotretinoin capsules – Akorn, generic; [brand obsolete 2023])
 - Zenatane™ (isotretinoin capsules – Dr Reddy's, generic)

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OVERVIEW

Isotretinoin is indicated for the treatment of **severe recalcitrant nodular acne**.¹⁻⁶

Table 1. Available Strengths for the Isotretinoin Products.¹⁻⁶

POLICY STATEMENT

This program has been developed to encourage the use of a Step 1 Product prior to the use of a Step 2 Product. If the Step Therapy rule is not met for a Step 2 Product at the point of service, coverage will be determined by the Step Therapy criteria below. All approvals are provided for 1 year in duration.

Automation: A patient with a of one Step 1 Product within the 130-day look-back period is excluded from Step Therapy.

Step 1: Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis, isotretinoin capsules (all true generic isotretinoin products), Myorisan, Zenatane, authorized generic to Absorica (from Sun Pharmaceuticals)

Step 2: Absorica, Absorica LD

CRITERIA

1. If the patient has tried one Step 1 Product, approve a Step 2 Product.
Note: Absorica with DAW 9 (indicating that substitution is allowed by the prescriber but the Plan requests brand) will also count as a Step 1 Product.
2. No other exceptions are recommended.

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