

New Hampshire Medicaid Fee-for-Service Program Allergen Extract Criteria

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Medications

Brand Names	Generic Names	Treatment
Oralair®	Grass Pollen extract	Moderate to severe seasonal grass (Kentucky Blue Grass, Orchard, Perennial Rye, Sweet Vernal, and Timothy) pollen-induced allergic rhinitis with or without conjunctivitis
Palforzia™	Peanut Allergen-dnfp	Mitigation of allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, that may occur with accidental exposure to peanut

Criteria for Approval

1. Confirmed allergen by positive skin test or in vitro testing for pollen-specific IgE antibodies for approved indication (Oralair® only); **AND**
2. Treatment is requested four months prior to season of allergen being treated (Oralair® only)

OR

3. Patient has a documented clinical history of allergy to peanuts or peanut-containing foods (Palforzia™ only); **AND**
4. Patient is on a peanut-avoidance diet and has been prescribed and/or has a refill history of epinephrine auto-injector (Palforzia™ only).

Length of Approval: One year

Continued approval: Treatment is requested four months prior to season of allergen being treated (Oralair® only)

Dispensing Limits: Oralair®: One per day (tablets); one dose pack total maximum limit (100 IR/300 IR dose pack)

Criteria for Denial

1. Patient is ≤ 5 years of age (Oralair® only).
2. Patient is < 4 years of age or ≥ 18 years of age (Palforzia™ only).
3. Patient experienced a severe reaction post initial dose that was administered in the physician's office.
4. Patient has experienced severe anaphylaxis resulting in hypotensive shock, use of > 2 doses of epinephrine, and/or intubation within the prior 60 days (Palforzia™ only).
5. Request is during active season of allergen (Oralair® only).
 - a. Grass season: June
6. Concomitant allergen immunotherapy.
7. Patient has a history of severe, unstable, or uncontrolled asthma.
8. Patient has a history of eosinophilic esophagitis.

References

Available upon request.

Revision History

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