

Commercial/Healthcare Exchange PA Criteria

Effective: June 2009

Prior Authorization: Aplenzin, Forfivo XL

<u>Products Affected</u>: Aplenzin (bupropion hydrobromide) tablets, Forfivo XL (bupropion hydrochloride) extended-release tablets

<u>Medication Description</u>: Bupropion is an aminoketone class antidepressant. It inhibits weakly the neuronal uptake of dopamine and norepinephrine but does not inhibit monoamine oxidase or the reuptake of serotonin.

Covered Uses:

Major Depressive Disorder: Aplenzin and Forfivo XL

Aplenzin Only - Prevention of seasonal major depressive episodes in patients with a diagnosis of seasonal affective disorder (SAD)

Exclusion Criteria:

- 1. Patients with a history of seizure disorder(s).
- 2. patients treated currently with other bupropion products
- 3. patients with a current or prior diagnosis of bulimia or anorexia nervosa
- 4. patients undergoing abrupt discontinuation of alcohol, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and antiepileptic drugs
- 5. Concomitant use of MAOIs (intended to treat psychiatric disorders) or within 14 days of discontinuing treatment
- 6. patients with known hypersensitivity to bupropion

Required Medical Information:

- 1. Diagnosis
- 2. Previous medications tried/failed

Age Restrictions: 18 years of age and older

Prescriber Restrictions: N/A

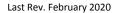
Coverage Duration: 12 months

Other Criteria:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of major depressive disorder or seasonal affective disorder (Aplenzin Only); AND
- B. Intolerance to, or treatment failure of, at least one generic first line SSRI (citalopram, fluoxetine, fluoxamine, paroxetine HCl immediate-release, sertraline); AND
- C. Intolerance to, or treatment failure of bupropion hydrochloride (Wellbutrin) dose equivalent to 450mg.

References:

- 1. Aplenzin full prescribing information. Bridgewater, NJ. Sanofi-Aventis US LLC
- 2. Forfivo XL full prescribing information, Austin, TX, Edgemont Pharmaceuticals







Policy Revision history

Rev#	Type of Change	Summary of Change	Sections Affected	Date
1	New Policy	New Policy	All	06/2009
2	Update	Moved to updated template Review History: 9/15, 2/17, 1/18	All	02/05/2020