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Phenytoin Indications

Adjudication Rule

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Abstract

1. For Members

Phenytoin is an anti-epileptic drug, also called an anticonvulsant. It works by slowing down impulses in the brain that cause seizures.

Phenytoin is used to control seizures. It does not treat all types of seizures, and your doctor will determine if it is the right medication for you.

Daman covers treatment with phenytoin, if medically necessary and as policy terms and conditions of each health insurance plan administered by Daman.

2. For Medical Professionals

This guideline highlights the medical necessity and coverage of phenytoin for all the health insurance plans administered by Daman.

Phenytoin is a member of antiepileptic drug (AED); it is a hydantoin-derivative and is related to the barbiturates in chemical structure.

These medicines are used to:

1. Control all type of epilepsies except absence seizures
2. Control certain type of seizures like:
 - i. tonic-clonic (grand mal) and
 - ii. complex
 - iii. partial (psychomotor, temporal lobe) seizures
3. Control trigeminal neuralgia, the event that carbamazepine or other first-line treatment seems inappropriate and this should be documented.
4. Control status epilepticus, and
5. Control seizures that may begin during or after surgery to the brain or nervous system.

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Scope

This adjudication rule specifies the coverage details of phenytoin drug for all the health insurance plans administered by Daman.

Phenytoin drug is available in the form of:

- Capsule
- Tablet
- Injection
- Oral-suspension

Adjudication Policy

Eligibility / Coverage Criteria

Phenytoin is covered for all the health insurance plans administered by Daman, if medically indicated, and subject to policy terms and conditions.

Coverage of Phenytoin for Visitor's plan will be limited to the management of Status Epilepticus in the emergency room only; as Status Epilepticus is life-threatening condition and requires emergency treatment.

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Requirements for Coverage

ICD and CPT codes must be coded to the highest level of specificity.

Non-Coverage

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Payment and Coding Rules

Please apply HAAD payment rules and regulations and relevant coding manuals for the medications.

Adjudication Examples

Example 1

Question: A 37-year-old male holding a Regional Plan, has visited the outpatient facility. He was diagnosed with generalized non-convulsive epilepsy, without mention of intractable epilepsy. He was prescribed phenytoin drug.

Answer: The claim will be rejected because phenytoin is not a drug of choice for absence seizures.

Example 2

Question: A 2 year boy diagnosed with febrile convulsions simple, unspecified was prescribed phenytoin oral suspension.

Answer: The claim will be accepted.

Denial codes

Code	Code description
MNEC-003	Service is not clinically indicated based on good clinical practice
MNEC-004	Service is not clinically indicated based on good clinical practice, without additional supporting diagnosis/activities
NCOV-003	Service(s) is (are) not covered
NCOV-002	Pre-existing conditions are not covered

Appendices

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12. Schedule of Benefits

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