

Market Applicability							
Market	DC	GA	KY	MD	NJ	NY	WA
Applicable	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA

Alpha-1 Proteinase Inhibitors

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	1 Year

Medications	Dosing Limit
Aralast NP (alpha-1 proteinase inhibitor)	60 mg/kg once per week
Glassia (alpha-1 proteinase inhibitor)	
Prolastin-C (alpha-1 proteinase inhibitor)	
Zemaira (alpha-1 proteinase inhibitor)	

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for alpha-1 proteinase inhibitor therapy may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has a diagnosis of congenital alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (alpha-1 proteinase inhibitor deficiency); **AND**
- II. Individual has a confirmed alpha-1 antitrypsin level is less than or equal to 11 µmol/L (approximately equivalent to 80 mg/dL measured by radial immunodiffusion or 57 mg/dL measured by nephelometry) (ATS/ERS, 2003; Stoller, 2017); **AND**
- III. Individual is currently a non-smoker (ATS/ERS, 2003; CTS, 2013); **AND**
- IV. Individual has clinically evident emphysema; **AND**
- V. One of the following:
 - A. Individual has moderate airflow obstruction evidenced by a forced expiratory volume (FEV₁) of 30-65% of predicted value prior to initiation of therapy (ATS/ERS, 2003); **OR**
 - B. Individual has a rapid decline in lung function as measured by a change in FEV₁ greater than 120 ml/year (ATS/ERS, 2003).

Alpha-1 proteinase inhibitor therapy may not be approved for the following:

- I. All other indications not included above; **OR**
- II. Individuals with IgA antibodies.

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State Specific Mandates		
State name	Date effective	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable)
N/A	N/A	N/A

Key References:

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This policy does not apply to health plans or member categories that do not have pharmacy benefits, nor does it apply to Medicare. Note that market specific restrictions or transition-of-care benefit limitations may apply.