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Non-Preferred Agents for Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	1 Year

*WA Medicaid – see State Specific Mandates below

Medications	Quantity Limit
Donepezil 23mg (Aricept 23 mg - brand and generic)	May be subject to quantity limits
Exelon (rivastigmine) patch (brand and generic)	
Namenda (memantine) XR	
Namzaric (memantine/donepezil)	

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for a non-preferred agent for dementia or Alzheimer's Disease may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance to one preferred agent; **OR**
 - Preferred agents: donepezil 5mg, 10mg, galantamine/ER, memantine, rivastigmine tablets
- II. The preferred agent is not FDA-approved for the prescribed indication; **OR**
- III. The preferred agent is not acceptable due to contraindications or concomitant clinical situations, such as but not limited to the following:
 - A. Known hypersensitivity (such as, but not limited to: application site reactions with rivastigmine transdermal patch suggestive of allergic contact dermatitis);
 - B. Pregnancy category[†].

[†] Exelon and Namenda/XR are pregnancy category B; Aricept, Namzaric, and Razadyne are category C).

State Specific Mandates		
State name	Date effective	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable)
Washington	6/14/12	All use of dementia agents for members age 17 and under shall be denied as off label use.

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