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Applicable	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA

Non-Preferred 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) Oral Agents Step Therapy

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity Limit	1 year

Medications	Comments	Quantity Limit
Apriso (mesalamine)	Preferred	May be subject to quantity limit
balsalazide		
sulfasalazine		
sulfasalazine DR		
Asacol HD (mesalamine)	Non-Preferred	
Azulfidine (sulfasalazine) - Brand		
Azulfidine EN (sulfasalazine) – Brand		
Colazal (balsalazide) - Brand		
Delzicol (mesalamine)		
Dipentum (olsalazine sodium)		
Giazo (balsalazide)		
Lialda (mesalamine)		
Pentasa (mesalamine)		
mesalamine		

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for a non-preferred 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) agent may be approved if the following criteria are met:

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- I. Individual has been on requested non-preferred 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) agent in the past 180 days (medication samples/ coupons/ discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial); **OR**
- II. 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 5-ASA agent; **OR**
- III. The preferred 5-ASA agent is not FDA-approved for the prescribed indication and the request for the non-preferred agent is; **OR**
- IV. The preferred 5-ASA agent is not acceptable due to concomitant clinical situations, including, but not limited to the following:
 - A. Known hypersensitivity (such as but not limited to, active ingredients, salicylates, sulfonamides); **OR**
 - B. If the non-preferred agent is Pentasa and the individual has a diagnosis of Crohn's Disease with small bowel involvement (AHFS, DrugPoints BIIa).

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

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