

Market Applicability				
Market	GA	MD	NJ	NY
Applicable	NA	NA	X	NA

Spravato (esketamine) nasal spray

NJ Medicaid

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity Limit	Treatment resistant depression: Initial approval: 3 months Maintenance approval: 12 months

***New Jersey Medicaid**

Medications	Quantity Limit
Spravato (esketamine) nasal spray 56 mg Dose Kit, 84 mg Dose Kit	4 kits per 28 days*

*Initiation of therapy for Spravato (esketamine): May approve up to 4 additional kits in the first month (28 days) of treatment.

APPROVAL CRITERIA

1. Patient is 18 years of age or older **AND**
2. Patient has been diagnosed with treatment-resistant depression **AND**
3. There is documentation showing that the patient had therapeutic failure or had an intolerance for at least 3 weeks each to at least two (2) antidepressants unless the patient has contraindications to all antidepressants. **AND**
4. Patient must use Spravato nasal spray in conjunction with an oral antidepressant therapy **AND**
5. Spravato will be administered under the supervision of a healthcare provider and the patient will be monitored for at least 2 hours after administration **AND**
6. Patient has been assessed and determined not to be at risk for abuse and misuse of Spravato **AND**
7. Patient has no contraindications to therapy: a. Patient has no aneurysmal vascular disease (including in the brain, chest, abdominal aorta, arms and legs) or arteriovenous malformation, or history of bleeding in the brain

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Continuation of therapy:

1. Documentation showing the patient responded to therapy demonstrated by an improvement from baseline in the Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS)

Warning: Because of the risks of serious adverse outcomes resulting from sedation, dissociation, and abuse and misuse, SPRAVATO is only available through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called the SPRAVATO REMS

References:

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State Specific Mandates		
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