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Applicable	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA

## Chloroquine

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Quantity Limit	1 time

Medications	Quantity Limit
Chloroquine 500 mg tablets	8 tablets per fill, one fill per 180 days
Chloroquine 250 mg tablets	16 tablets per fill, one fill per 180 days

### APPROVAL CRITERIA

- I. If requesting for malaria prophylaxis, may approve up to one 500 mg tablet (or two 250 mg tablets) per week of planned travel, plus an additional ten 500 mg tablets (or twenty 250 mg tablets); **OR**
- II. If requesting for extraintestinal amebiasis may approve up to twenty-five 500mg (or fifty 250 mg tablets) per fill.

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