

Market Applicability/Effective Date														
Market	FL & FHK	FL MMA	FL LTC	GA	KS	KY	LA	MD	NJ	NV	NY	TN	TX	WA
Applicable	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A	X

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Cholbam (cholic acid)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	Initial Requests: 3 months
Quantity Limit	Maintenance Therapy Requests: 12 months

Medications	Quantity Limit
Cholbam (cholic acid) capsules	May be subject to quantity limit

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Initial requests for Cholbam (cholic acid) may be approved when the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has a diagnosis of bile acid synthesis disorders (BASDs) due to single enzyme defects (SEDs) [including but not limited to 3 β -hydroxy- Δ 5-C -steroid oxidoreductase (3 β -HSD) defects]; **OR**
- II. Individual has a diagnosis peroxisomal disorders (PDs) [including but not limited to Zellweger spectrum disorders (ZSD)]; **AND**
- III. Individual has one of the following present:
 - A. Manifestations of liver disease (for example, jaundice, hepatomegaly); **OR**
 - B. Steatorrhea; **OR**
 - C. Complications from decreased fat-soluble vitamin (such as but not limited to, vitamin D and K) absorption (for example, rickets, hypocalcemia, bleeding);**AND**
- IV. Individual is using as adjunctive therapy in conjunction with supportive care (such as but not limited to vitamin supplementation).

Maintenance therapy requests for Cholbam (cholic acid) may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual continues to meet the initial request approval criteria; **AND**
- II. Individual has had a clinical improvement (symptoms, lab values) in liver function and/or cholestasis; **AND**
- III. Individual has not developed a complete biliary obstruction.

Cholbam (cholic acid) may not be used for any of the following:

- I. Individual is using to treat extrahepatic manifestations (such as but not limited to neurologic symptoms) of SED-associated-BASDs or PDs.

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

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