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Applicable	X	X	NA	NA	X	NA	X	NA	X	X	X	X	NA	NA	NA

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# Makena (hydroxyprogesterone caproate injection)

CG-DRUG-19

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity limit	6 months

Medications	Quantity Limit
Makena (hydroxyprogesterone caproate injection)	May be subject to quantity limit

## APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for Makena (hydroxyprogesterone caproate injection) may be approved if the if the following criteria are met:

- I. Weekly injections of 17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate between 16 and 36 weeks of gestation **may be approved** in pregnant women who meet the following criteria:
  - A. A singleton pregnancy; **AND**
  - B. Absence of preterm labor within the current pregnancy; **AND**
  - C. A prior history of a preterm delivery before 37 weeks gestation due to either of the following:
    1. Spontaneous preterm labor; **OR**
    2. Premature rupture of membranes.

Requests for Makena (hydroxyprogesterone caproate injection) may **not** be approved for the following:

- I. Progesterone therapy as a technique to prevent preterm labor **may not be approved** in pregnant women who do not meet the above criteria, or those with other risk factors for preterm delivery in the current pregnancy, including, but not limited, to: multiple gestation pregnancy, cervical cerclage, a uterine anomaly, positive tests for cervicovaginal fetal fibronectin, or preterm labor.
- II. Injections of 17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate in a home setting by or through a licensed home health agency **may not be approved**, except when criteria for home health services are met. (See CG-MED-23 - Home Health.)

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State Specific Mandates		
State name	Date effective	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable)
Louisiana		<p><b>This policy does not apply.</b></p> <p>6.13.1.2 Provision of injectable or vaginal progesterone for every eligible pregnant woman with a history of pre-term labor or a short cervix found in the current pregnancy. The MCO shall not require prior authorization of progesterone.</p>

**Key References:**

1. Additional press release information about the FDA new approval of Makena. February 4, 2011. Available at: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/fda-approves-makena-the-first-and-only-treatment-to-reduce-the-risk-of-preterm-birth-in-women-with-a-singleton-pregnancy-who-have-a-history-of-singleton-spontaneous-preterm-birth-115271964.html>. Accessed on September 15, 2015.
2. United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Additional information about approval of Makena. February 4, 2011. Available at: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm242234.htm>. Accessed on September 24, 2015

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