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Non-Preferred Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) Step Therapy

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Step Therapy Quantity Limit	1 year

** Indiana Medicaid – See State Specific Mandates below*

** Maryland Medicaid – See State Specific Mandates below*

Medications	Quantity Limit
Fluoxetine 60mg tablet	May be subject to quantity limits
Fluvoxamine maleate ER capsule	
Pexeva	
Trintellix	
Viibryd	

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for non-preferred SSRIs may be approved based on the following criteria:

- I. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) of and inadequate response or intolerance to two preferred agents [amitriptyline HCl, amoxapine, bupropion HCl, citalopram hydrobromide, clomipramine HCl, desipramine HCl, doxepin HCl, escitalopram oxalate, fluoxetine HCl, except 60mg tablets, fluvoxamine maleate tablet, imipramine HCl, imipramine pamoate, maprotiline HCl, mirtazapine, nefazodone HCl, nortriptyline HCl, paroxetine HCl, paroxetine ER, paroxetine CR, phenelzine sulfate, protriptyline HCl, sertraline HCl, tranylcypromine sulfate, trazodone HCl, trimipramine maleate, venlafaxine HCl, venlafaxine ER].

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State Specific Mandates		
State name	Date effective	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable)
Indiana Medicaid		Paroxetine (generic Paxil), for individuals under 18, requires a trial of another agent prior to use of paroxetine.
Maryland Medicaid		Maryland behavioral health is state carve out

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