

Market Applicability														
Market	DC	FL & FHK	FL MMA	FL LTC	GA	KS	KY	MD	NJ	NV	NY	TN	TX	WA
Applicable	X	X	NA	NA	X	NA	X	X	X	X	X	NA	NA	NA

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Phosphate Binder Agents Step Therapy

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	1 year

Medications	Comment
calcium acetate (prescription and OTC)	Preferred
lanthanum	
sevelamer (generic Renvela)	
Eliphos (calcium acetate) - Brand	
Auryxia (ferric citrate)	Non-Preferred
Calphron (calcium acetate) – Brand (OTC)	
Fosrenol (lanthanum carbonate)	
PhosLo* (calcium acetate) - Brand	
Phoslyra (calcium acetate)	
RenaGel (sevelamer hydrochloride)	
Renvela (sevelamer carbonate) - Brand	
Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide)	

*PhosLo was discontinued by the manufacturer as of 7-2015. Edit will remain active as claims can adjudicate up to three years after agent discontinuation.

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for a non-preferred phosphate binder may be approved if the following are criteria:

- I. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance to two (2) preferred agents;

Preferred agents: Calcium acetate (prescription and OTC), lanthanum, sevelamer (generic Renvela), Eliphos (brand)

Non-preferred agents: Auryxia, Calphron (OTC), Fosrenol, PhosLo (brand), Phoslyra, Renagel, Renvela (brand), Velphoro

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OR

- II. Individual is requesting Auryxia and has a diagnosis of iron deficiency anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) stages 3, 4, or 5 not on dialysis; **AND**
- III. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance to one oral iron supplement (Fishbane 2017);

OR

- IV. The preferred agents do not provide acceptable options due to concomitant clinical conditions, such as but not limited to the following:
 - A. Individual is pregnant and is requesting Auryxia or Velphoro; **OR**
 - B. Individual has a diagnosis of bowel or gastrointestinal obstruction;

OR

- V. A trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) of only sevelamer powder will be required if individual is unable to swallow tablets/capsules.

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

Key References:

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