

Market Applicability							
Market	DC	GA	KY	MD	NJ	NY	WA
Applicable	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA

Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Quantity Limit	Malaria prophylaxis: 1 time Rheumatoid Arthritis or Lupus Erythematosus: 1 year

Medications	Quantity Limit
Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine) 200 mg tablets	16 tablets per fill, one fill per 180 days

APPROVAL CRITERIA

- I. If requesting for malaria prophylaxis, may approve up to two 200 mg tablets per week of planned travel, plus an additional twelve 200 mg tablets; **OR**
- II. If requesting for Rheumatoid Arthritis, may approve up to 3 tablets per day; **OR**
- III. If requesting for Lupus Erythematosus, may approve up to 2 tablets per day.

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