

Market Applicability/Effective Date														
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Applicable	X	NA	NA	X	NA	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA	NA	NA

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## Virazole (ribavirin inhalation)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	1 year

Medications	Quantity Limit
Virazole (ribavirin inhalation)	N/A

### APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for Virazole (ribavirin inhalation) may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual is an infant or young child with a diagnosis of severe lower respiratory tract infection due to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV); **AND**
- II. Individual is hospitalized and will receive treatment in an inpatient setting.

**Note:** Virazole (ribavirin inhalation) has black box warnings for use by experienced clinicians, potential for respiratory function deterioration, and use in adults. Caution is recommended when administering aerosolized ribavirin to individuals requiring mechanical ventilator assistance. Use in these individuals should be undertaken only by physicians and support staff familiar with agent and specific ventilator required. Sudden deterioration of respiratory function has been associated with initiation of aerosolized ribavirin in infants. Respiratory function should be monitored during treatment, with cessation of therapy if sudden deterioration occurs. Virazole is not indicated for use in adults as ribavirin agents have been shown to produce testicular lesions in rodents and to be teratogenic in all animal species in which adequate studies have been conducted (rodents and rabbits).

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

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