

Market Applicability/Effective Date														
Market	FL & FHK	FL MMA	FL LTC	GA	KS	KY	LA	MD	NJ	NV	NY	TN	TX	WA
Applicable	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A	X

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Zemlar (paricalcitol)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	1year

Medications
Zemlar (paricalcitol) oral capsules Zemlar (paricalcitol) intravenous solution

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for oral Zemlar (paricalcitol) may be approved when the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual is 10 years of age or older; **AND**
- II. Individual is using for prevention or treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism associated with one of the following diagnoses:
 - A. Stage 3 or 4 chronic kidney disease not yet requiring dialysis (pre-dialysis); **OR**
 - B. Stage 5 chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis; **AND**
 - C. Individual has a baseline corrected serum calcium level of less than or equal to 9.5 mg/dL; **AND**
 - D. Individual has a serum intact parathyroid hormone (iPTH) level greater than 150 pg/mL.

Requests for Zemlar (paricalcitol) injection may be approved when the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual is 5 years of age or older; **AND**
- II. Individual is using to prevent or treat secondary hyperparathyroidism; **AND**
- III. Individual has a diagnosis of Stage 5 chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis; **AND**
- IV. Individual has a serum iPTH level greater than 150 pg/mL.

Zemlar (paricalcitol) agents may not be approved for the following:

- I. Individual has hypercalcemia, defined as a serum corrected total calcium level of greater than 10.2 mg/dL or as determined by the reference laboratory assay (NKF 2003, 2010); **OR**
- II. Using in conjunction with prescription-based doses of vitamin D or its derivatives or current evidence of vitamin D toxicity.

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

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