

INSPRA STEP THERAPY

The INSPRA step therapy program allows for the coverage of INSPRA when the participant has used first-line drugs for treatment of hypertension and when the first-line drugs have failed to effectively treat the participant's medical condition.

INSPRA will be covered if dispensed within 130 days of first-line drugs, diuretics (Spironolactone and sprionolactone with HCTZ); and if medical information indicates a failure of the first-line drug therapies.

If the step therapy rule is not met at the point of service, (when the prescription is processed at the pharmacy), the pharmacy will be directed, via electronic messaging from the PBM, to "call Dr, use generic sprionolactone 1st". **Should the practitioner choose to use the second-line INSPRA without meeting the step therapy criteria, and the participant wants the prescription given special consideration for payment from their prescription drug benefit, the practitioner must contact Health Care Services at MAHP and provide additional medical/clinical information.** If the medical/clinical information meets criteria for a medical exception to this step therapy, a prior authorization may be granted.

	FIRST-LINE DRUGS	SECOND-LINE DRUGS
MEDICATIONS	Spironolactone (ALDACTONE) Spironolactone with hydrocholorthiazide (ALDACTAZIDE-Searle; generics)	Eplerenone (INSPRA)
CRITERIA FOR USE	Driven by formulary status of drug, formulary is closed and MAC policies **Processing of brand name first-line drug will cause ancillary charges to participant.	Participant has one RX in claims history from the first-line drug category within 130 days prior to the prescription date of a second-line drug. OR Failure of response to first-line therapy as documented in participants medical record.

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