

Clinical Policy: Olanzapine Long-Acting Injection (Zyprexa Relprevv)

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Description

Olanzapine (Zyprexa Relprevv[®]) is a long-acting atypical antipsychotic.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Zyprexa Relprevv is indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia.

Zyprexa Relprevv is available only through a restricted distribution program called Zyprexa Relprevv Patient Care Program and requires prescriber, healthcare facility, patient, and pharmacy enrollment.

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (which may include office chart notes and lab results) supporting that member has met all approval criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions™ that Zyprexa Relprevv is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Schizophrenia (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of schizophrenia;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a psychiatrist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. History of non-adherence to oral antipsychotic therapy (see Appendix B);
5. Established tolerability with oral olanzapine;
6. Failure of Risperdal Consta unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
7. Dose does not exceed 405 mg every 4 weeks or 300 mg every 2 weeks.

Approval duration: Length of Benefit

B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to ERX.PA.01 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

II. Continued Therapy

A. Schizophrenia (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via a health plan affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Zyprexa Relprevv for schizophrenia, and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 405 mg every 4 weeks or 300 mg every 2 weeks.

Approval duration: Length of Benefit

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. Currently receiving medication via a health plan affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions and documentation supports positive response to therapy.
Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or
2. Refer to ERX.PA.01 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off-label use policy – ERX.PA.01 or evidence of coverage documents;
- B. Dementia-related psychosis;
- C. Alzheimer’s disease.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Examples of Oral Antipsychotics – Generic (Brand)

Typical/First Generation Antipsychotics†	Atypical/Second Generation Antipsychotics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chlorpromazine (Thorazine) • Fluphenazine (Prolixin) • Haloperidol (Haldol) • Loxapine (Loxitane) • Perphenazine (Trilafon) • Pimozide (Orap) • Thioridazine (Mellaril) • Thiothixene (Navane) • Trifluoperazine (Stelazine) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aripiprazole (Abilify)* • Asenapine maleate (Saphris) • Brexpiprazole (Rexulti) • Cariprazine (Vraylar) • Clozapine (Clozaril) • Iloperidone (Fanapt) • Lurasidone (Latuda) • Olanzapine (Zyprexa)* • Olanzapine/Fluoxetine (Symbyax) • Paliperidone (Invega)* • Quetiapine (Seroquel) • Risperidone (Risperdal)* • Ziprasidone (Geodon)

†Most typical/first generation antipsychotics are available only as generics in the U.S.

*Long-acting injectable formulation available

Appendix C: Therapeutic Alternatives

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
olanzapine (Zyprexa®)	Schizophrenia 5 to 10 mg PO QD	20 mg/day

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Schizophrenia	IM: 150 mg/2 weeks, 300 mg/4 weeks, 210 mg/2 weeks, 405 mg/4 weeks, or 300 mg/2 weeks	405 mg every 4 weeks or 300 mg every 2 weeks

VI. Product Availability

Powder for suspension: 210 mg/vial, 300 mg/vial, and 405 mg/vial

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information.

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