# PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

# BRAND NAME (generic)

**ORALAIR** 

(sweet vernal, orchard, perennial rye, timothy, and kentucky blue grass mixed pollens allergen extract)

Status: CVS Caremark Criteria Type: Initial Prior Authorization

#### **POLICY**

### FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Oralair is an allergen extract indicated as immunotherapy for the treatment of grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis with or without conjunctivitis confirmed by positive skin test or in vitro testing for pollen-specific IgE antibodies for any of the five grass species contained in this product. Oralair is approved for use in persons 5 through 65 years of age.

Oralair is not indicated for the immediate relief of allergy symptoms.

## **COVERAGE CRITERIA**

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis

#### AND

The diagnosis has been confirmed by positive skin test or in vitro testing for pollen-specific IgE antibodies for any
of the 5 grass species (sweet vernal, orchard, perennial rye, timothy, kentucky blue grass) contained in this
product

#### **AND**

 The patient does not have any of the following: A) Severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma, B) History of any severe systemic allergic reaction or any severe local reaction to sublingual allergen immunotherapy, C) History of eosinophilic esophagitis

#### **AND**

The requested drug is being prescribed by, or in consultation with, an allergist or immunologist

# **REFERENCES**

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