PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

BRAND NAME (generic)

STROMECTOL (ivermectin)

Status: CVS Caremark Criteria

Type: Initial Prior Authorization with Quantity Limit

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Stromectol is indicated for the treatment of the following infections:

- Strongyloidiasis of the intestinal tract. Stromectol is indicated for the treatment of intestinal (i.e., non-disseminated) strongyloidiasis due to the nematode parasite *Strongyloides stercoralis*.
- Onchocerciasis. Stromectol is indicated for the treatment of onchocerciasis due to the nematode parasite
 Onchocerca volvulus.

Stromectol has no activity against adult *Onchocerca volvulus* parasites. The adult parasites reside in subcutaneous nodules which are infrequently palpable. Surgical excision of these nodules (nodulectomy) may be considered in the management of patients with onchocerciasis, since this procedure will eliminate the microfilariae-producing adult parasites.

COVERAGE CRITERIA

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

 The requested drug is NOT being prescribed for the prevention or treatment of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Quantity Limits apply. 9 tablets/90 days

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