

## Commercial/Healthcare Exchange PA Criteria

*Effective: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

**Prior Authorization:** Lokelma

**Products Affected:** Lokelma (sodium zirconium cryosilicate for oral suspension)

**Medication Description:** Lokelma is a non-absorbed potassium-binding polymer. It acts by binding to potassium in the GI tract, increasing excretion of potassium in feces and lowers serum potassium levels.

**Covered Uses:** Treatment of hyperkalemia in adults

**Exclusion Criteria:** Emergency treatment for life-threatening hyperkalemia

**Required Medical Information:**

1. Diagnosis
2. Chart notes documenting previous therapies tried and failed.

**Age Restrictions:** 18 years of age or older

**Prescriber Restrictions:** N/A

**Coverage Duration:** 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Approve if the patient meets the following criteria:

***Initial***

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of hyperkalemia; **AND**
- B. Patient is not experiencing life-threatening hyperkalemia; **AND**
- C. Patient has inadequate response, intolerance or contraindication to Kayexalate (sodium Polystyrene sulfonate)

***Continuation***

- A. Patient has not experienced treatment-limiting adverse reactions (e.g. edema) **AND**
- B. There is documented efficacy (e.g. serum potassium levels within normal limits [3.5 to 5mEq/L]).

**References:**

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Policy Revision history

Rev #	Type of Change	Summary of Change	Sections Affected	Date
1	New Policy	New Policy	All	01/02/2019