

UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2024 P 3186-2
Program	Step Therapy
Medication	Agamree [®] (vamorolone)*
P&T Approval Date	10/2024
Effective Date	2/1/2025

1. Background:

Agamree (vamorolone)* is a corticosteroid indicated for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) in patients 2 years of age and older.

Step Therapy programs are utilized to encourage the use of lower cost alternatives for certain therapeutic classes. This program requires a member to try prednisone prior to receiving coverage for Agamree.

2. Coverage Criteria^a:

A. <u>Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy</u>

- 1. Agamree* will be approved based on <u>both</u> of the following criterion:
 - a. Diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy

-AND-

b. Patient has a history of failure, contraindication, or intolerance to prednisone or prednisolone

Authorization will be issued for 12 months

B. Other Diagnoses

1. Agamree* will be approved.

Authorization will be issued for 12 months

^a State mandates may apply. Any federal regulatory requirements and the member specific benefit plan coverage may also impact coverage criteria. Other policies and utilization management programs may apply.

*Agamree is typically excluded from coverage. Tried/Failed criteria may be in place. Please refer to plan specifics to determine exclusion status.



3. Additional Clinical Rules:

- Notwithstanding Coverage Criteria, UnitedHealthcare may approve initial and reauthorization based solely on previous claim/medication history, diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and/or claim logic. Use of automated approval and re-approval processes varies by program and/or therapeutic class.
- Supply limits, Medical Necessity and/or Notification may apply

4. References:

- 1. Agamree [package insert]. Coral Gables, FL: Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; June 2024.
- Gloss D, Moxley III R, Ashwal S, et. al. Practice guideline update summary: Corticosteroid treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy: Report of the Guideline Development Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology. Neurology 2016; 86;465-472.

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Change Control	
Date	Change
7/2024	New program.
10/2024	Removed reauthorization section and replaced with section for other diagnoses. Removed reauthorization criteria and replaced with section for diagnosis other than DMD. Added exclusion footnote and updated references.