

Lexapro[®] and Luvox[®] CR Step Therapy Coverage Review

To Initiate a Coverage Review, Call 1 800 753-2851

Coverage Review
➤ <i>Lexapro[®] and Luvox[®] CR</i> require a coverage review prior to first use. The following antidepressants do not require a coverage review prior to first use: bupropion, bupropion SR, citalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, paroxetine CR, sertraline and <i>Cymbalta[®]</i> .

What Is Step Therapy Coverage Review?
This program promotes generic and certain preferred brand medications as first-line therapy.

Rationale for Coverage Authorization
To provide coverage for <i>Lexapro[®] and Luvox[®] CR</i> in situations where the doctor provides clinical support for these nonpreferred drugs via a coverage review process

Benefit Design
The antidepressants bupropion, bupropion SR, citalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, paroxetine CR, sertraline and <i>Cymbalta[®]</i> are covered without requiring a coverage review for first use. <i>Lexapro[®] and Luvox[®] CR</i> require a coverage review prior to first use unless the member is under 18 years of age and/or is currently receiving the drug tamoxifen. In cases where the member is under 18 years of age and/or is currently receiving tamoxifen therapy, claims for <i>Lexapro[®] and Luvox[®] CR</i> will process automatically without requiring a coverage review.

Coverage Authorization Criteria
➤ Benefit coverage is provided for patients who have exhibited intolerance to (i.e., sensitivity, drug allergy, adverse effect) or treatment failure with at least two available generic selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) antidepressants (e.g., citalopram, fluoxetine, paroxetine, paroxetine CR, sertraline or fluvoxamine).
➤ Benefit coverage is provided automatically (without requiring a coverage review) if the member is under 18 years of age and/or is currently receiving the drug tamoxifen.
➤ If the coverage review is approved, the benefit for <i>Lexapro[®] and Luvox[®] CR</i> is approved for the lifetime of the member. If the member is under 18 years of age, coverage is approved until the member's 18th birthday.