

# PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

**BRAND NAME**  
(generic)

**XYREM**  
(sodium oxybate)

**Status: CVS Caremark Criteria**

**Type: Initial Prior Authorization with Quantity Limit**

## POLICY

### FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Xyrem is indicated for the treatment of cataplexy or excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in patients 7 years of age and older with narcolepsy.

### COVERAGE CRITERIA

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

- The request is for continuation of Xyrem (sodium oxybate)

**AND**

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of cataplexy in narcolepsy in a patient 7 years of age or older

**AND**

- The patient experienced a decrease in cataplexy episodes with narcolepsy

**OR**

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of excessive daytime sleepiness in a patient 7 years of age or older with narcolepsy

**AND**

- The patient experienced a decrease in daytime sleepiness with narcolepsy

**OR**

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of cataplexy in narcolepsy in a patient 7 years of age or older **AND** the diagnosis is confirmed by sleep lab evaluation

**OR**

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of excessive daytime sleepiness in a patient 7 years of age or older with narcolepsy **AND** the diagnosis is confirmed by sleep lab evaluation

**AND**

- The patient has experienced an inadequate treatment response to at least one central nervous system (CNS) stimulant drug (e.g., amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate)

**OR**

- The patient has experienced an intolerance to at least one central nervous system (CNS) stimulant drug (e.g., amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate)

**OR**

- The patient has a contraindication that would prohibit a trial of central nervous system (CNS) stimulant drugs (e.g., amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate)

**AND**

- If the patient is 18 years of age or older, the patient experienced an inadequate treatment response to armodafinil **OR** modafinil

**OR**

- If the patient is 18 years of age or older, the patient experienced an intolerance to armodafinil **OR** modafinil

**OR**

- If the patient is 18 years of age or older, the patient has a contraindication that would prohibit a trial of ALL of the following: A) armodafinil, B) modafinil

Quantity Limits Apply.

540 mL/25 days or 1640 ml/75 days\*

\*The duration of 25 days is used for a 30-day fill period and 75 days is used for a 90-day fill period to allow time for refill processing.

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