PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT
Marketplace

DRUG NAME	Bafiertam (monomethyl fumarate)
BILLING CODE	Must use valid NDC
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Home
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Bafiertam is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults. It has been shown to activate the nuclear factor (erythroid-derived 2)-like 2 (Nrf2) pathway, which is involved in the cellular response to oxidative stress. Unlike the other fumarates, Tecfidera and Vumerity, which are prodrugs, Bafiertam directly provides the active metabolite monomethyl fumarate (MMF) without requiring metabolic conversion in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. Subsequently, a lower dose is needed to produce a bioequivalent effect in comparison with Tecfidera or Vumerity. Thus, like Vumerity, Bafiertam may have GI tolerability advantages over Tecfidera, however the comparative study by the manufacturer did not meet its primary endpoint and had numerous limitations despite positive outcomes of exploratory analyses.

Bafiertam (monomethyl fumarate) will be considered for coverage when the following

CareSource considers Bafiertam (monomethyl fumarate) not medically necessary for the treatment of conditions that are not listed in this document. For any other indication, please refer to the Off- Label policy.

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