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The PE (initial) is 20. The BEWE is ME. The IS OBSERVED is OP. The PR is PR. The member's serum uric acid (sUA) level has maintained below 6 mg/dL; AND Chart notes demonstrate a positive clinical outcome from using medication (e.g., reduction of flares, reduction of tophi).

## Chronic Gout

### Initial

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2. Chart notes demonstrate a positive clinical outcome from using medication (e.g., reduction of flares, reduction of tophi).
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6. Chart notes demonstrate a positive clinical outcome from using medication (e.g., reduction of flares, reduction of tophi).
7. Member's serum uric acid (sUA) level has maintained below 6 mg/dL; AND
8. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:** 1 single-dose vial (8 mg) given as an intravenous infusion every 2 weeks, co-administered with weekly methotrexate 15 mg.  
QL: 2 vials per 28 days

**If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for 6 months.**

### For reauthorization:

1. Member's serum uric acid (sUA) level has maintained below 6 mg/dL; AND
2. Chart notes demonstrate a positive clinical outcome from using medication (e.g., reduction of flares, reduction of tophi).

**If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.**

**CareSource considers Krystexxa (pegloticase) 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.**

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
04/06/2021	New policy for Krystexxa (pegloticase) created.
07/28/2022	Transferred to new template. Updated and added references. Removed nephrology, podiatry specialists. Corrected sUC to sUA. Added QL. Added must be given with methotrexate (new labeling). Added not to be used with other urate lowering drugs. Added example dosing to first line allopurinol.

References:

1. Krystexxa [package insert]. Dublin, Ireland; Horizon Therapeutics Ireland DAC; 2022.
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