

B. Cox 2 Inhibitors ( Proposed Criteria Changes)

Cox 2 Inhibitors are a covered benefit of Nevada Medicaid for adult recipients who meet the criteria for coverage.

1. Coverage and Limitations:

FDA Approved Indications:

- a. A diagnosis of osteoarthritis, degenerative joint disease, rheumatoid arthritis, dysmenorrhea, familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) or acute pain in adults.
- b. Upon diagnosis of an FDA approved indication, authorization will be given if the patient meets all of the following criteria:
  - Patient has no history of allergies to sulfonamides, aspirin or other NSAID's (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs).
  - Patient has a documented history of gastro-intestinal bleeding, ulceration or perforation of the stomach, small intestine or large intestine or is being treated with oral corticosteroids or anticoagulants. Note: Patient should also be receiving protective PPI therapy.
  - Patient has a documented treatment history and/or failure of at least two non-selective (traditional) NSAIDs.
  - Patient is currently NOT being treated daily with aspirin for cardioprophylaxis. Exception: Patients receiving low-dose aspirin with protective PPI therapy.
  - Patient does NOT have a documented history of cardiac events (e.g stroke, myocardial infarction, or has NOT undergone of coronary artery bypass graft procedure in the past 6 months) or major cardiac risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes or high cholesterol.
  - Physician has considered alternative treatment options (e.g. GI protective agent and non-selective NSAID such as acetaminophen, tramadol or a topical agent).
  - Length of treatment has not exceeded 6 months.

2. PA Guidelines:

The PA must be initiated by the prescriber, except in long term care facilities where the PA may be initiated and certified by the attending nurse after a review of the recipient's chart has been completed.

PA Form: Nevada Medicaid Prior Authorization Request for Cox II's form. PA forms are available at <https://medicaid.nv.gov>.