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## **I. POLICY**

- A. Savella will require prior authorization to ensure appropriate use. The process for initiating a prior authorization request can be found in policy PHARM 20.
1. PPMCO members are subject to the Priority Partners formulary, available at [www.ppmco.org](http://www.ppmco.org).
  2. USFHP members are subject to prior authorization criteria, step-edits and days-supply limits outlined in the Tricare Policy Manual. Tricare Policy supersedes JHHC Medical/Pharmacy Policies. Tricare limits may be accessed at: [http://pec.ha.osd.mil/formulary\\_search.php?submenuheader=1](http://pec.ha.osd.mil/formulary_search.php?submenuheader=1)

## **II. POLICY CRITERIA**

- A. Savella may be approved patients meeting the following:
1. Patient is 18 years of age or older
  2. Documentation that the patient has clinically diagnosed fibromyalgia

## **III. AUTHORIZATION PERIOD/LIMITATIONS**


- A. Initial approval will be restricted to 6 months of therapy.
- B. Approval for continuation of therapy can be extended in 12-month intervals with documentation showing the patient has had a beneficial response to treatment.

## **IV. EXCLUSIONS**

- A. Savella will not be approved for the following:
1. Pediatric patients
  2. Treatment of depression
  3. Any indications or uses that are not FDA-approved, or guideline-supported
- B. The use of physician samples, or manufacturer product discounts, does not guarantee coverage under the provisions of the medical and/or pharmacy benefit. All pertinent criteria must be met in order to be eligible for benefit coverage.

## **V. REFERENCES**

- A. Savella [Prescribing information]. Irvine, CA: Allergan USA, Inc.; December 2016.

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## **VI. APPROVALS**

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<b>DATE OF REVISION</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF CHANGE</b>
04/20/2016	Removed background information/dosages and sources, removed process of initiation of request
07/27/2017	Updated Exclusions section regarding physician samples
07/01/2018	Removed EHP Line of Business
10/27/2020	Clarified initial and continuation of therapy criteria
05/13/2021	Updated authorization guidance

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