

Specialty Guideline Management

Filspari

Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over-the-counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name
Filspari	sparsentan

Indications

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-approved Indications¹

Filspari is indicated to slow kidney function decline in adults with primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN) who are at risk for disease progression.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

Documentation

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

- Initial requests:
 - Kidney biopsy confirming a diagnosis of primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN).
 - Laboratory report and/or chart note(s) indicating the member has proteinuria greater than or equal to 0.5 grams per day (g/day) or baseline urine protein-to-creatinine ratio

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(UPCR) greater than or equal to 0.8 grams per gram (g/g) obtained within 3 months prior to initiation of the requested drug.

- Continuation requests:
 - Laboratory report and/or chart note(s) indicating the member has decreased levels of proteinuria or UPCR from baseline.

Prescriber Specialties

This medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist.

Coverage Criteria

Primary Immunoglobulin A Nephropathy (IgAN)¹⁻⁴

Authorization of 12 months may be granted when all of the following criteria are met:

- Member has a diagnosis of primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN) confirmed by kidney biopsy.
- Member has either of the following obtained within 3 months prior to initiation of the requested drug:
 - Proteinuria greater than or equal to 0.5 g/day
 - UPCR greater than or equal to 0.8 g/g
- Member has received a stable dose of maximally tolerated renin-angiotensin system (RAS) inhibitor therapy (e.g., angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor [ACEI] or angiotensin II receptor blocker [ARB]) for at least 3 months prior to initiation of therapy, or member has an intolerance or contraindication to RAS inhibitors.
- Member will not use the requested medication concomitantly with ARB, endothelin receptor antagonists [ERA] or renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system [RAAS] (i.e., aliskiren).

Continuation of Therapy

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment in all members (including new members) who are currently receiving the requested medication and who are experiencing benefit from therapy as evidenced by either of the following:

- Decreased levels of proteinuria from baseline.
- Decrease in UPCR from baseline.

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