

**Pharmacy Policy**

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**Trientine (Syprine)**

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<p>Product Applicability <input type="checkbox"/> All Plan+ Products</p>	
<p><b>Well Sense Health Plan</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire Medicaid</p>	<p><b>Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth- MCO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth-ACO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Qualified Health Plans/ConnectorCare/Employer Choice Direct</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Senior Care Options</p>

Note: Disclaimer and audit information is located at the end of this document.

**Prior Authorization Policy**

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**Products Affected:**

- trientine (Syprine)

The Plan may authorize coverage of the above products for members meeting the following criteria:

<b>Covered Use</b>	All FDA approved indications unless otherwise excluded
<b>Exclusion Criteria</b>	None
<b>Required Medical Information</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A diagnosis of Wilson’s disease confirmed through genetic testing or presence of three of the following diagnostic features:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Presence of Kayser-Fleisher rings</li> <li>b. Serum ceruloplasmin (CPN) &lt;20mg/dL</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. 24-hour urine Cooper &gt;40mcg</li> <li>d. Liver biopsy with copper dry weight &gt;250mcg/g; AND</li> </ul> <p>2. An intolerance to a trial of penicillamine (Depen) tablets</p>
<b>Age Restrictions</b>	None
<b>Prescriber Restriction</b>	Medication is prescribed by or in collaboration with a rheumatologist or a provider specializing in the treatment of Wilson's disease
<b>Coverage Duration</b>	Initial: 6 months Reauthorization: 1 year
<b>Other criteria</b>	<p>Reauthorization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Member is responding to treatment; AND</li> <li>2. Member is not experiencing intolerable adverse effects; AND</li> <li>3. A failed trial of zinc salts; AND</li> <li>4. Member is following a strict low copper diet</li> </ul>

### Clinical Background Information and References

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12/1/2020	9.065 Trientine (Syprine) Policy retired, new policy created	1/1/2021	P&T Committee

#### Next Review Date

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2021

#### Other Applicable Policies

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#### Reference to Applicable Laws and Regulations, If Any

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#### Disclaimer Information

Medical Policies are the Plan’s guidelines for determining the medical necessity of certain services or supplies for purposes of determining coverage. These Policies may also describe when a service or supply is considered experimental or investigational, or cosmetic. In making coverage decisions, the Plan uses these guidelines and other Plan Policies, as well as the Member’s benefit document, and when appropriate, coordinates with the Member’s health care Providers to consider the individual Member’s health care needs.

Plan Policies are developed in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and accrediting organization standards (including NCQA). Medical Policies are also developed, as appropriate, with consideration of the medical necessity definitions in various Plan products, review of current literature, consultation with practicing Providers in the Plan’s service area who are medical experts in the particular field, and adherence to FDA and other government agency policies. Applicable state or federal mandates, as well as

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the Member's benefit document, take precedence over these guidelines. Policies are reviewed and updated on an annual basis, or more frequently as needed. Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members.

The use of this Policy is neither a guarantee of payment nor a final prediction of how a specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Reimbursement is based on many factors, including member eligibility and benefits on the date of service; medical necessity; utilization management guidelines (when applicable); coordination of benefits; adherence with applicable Plan policies and procedures; clinical coding criteria; claim editing logic; and the applicable Plan – Provider agreement.

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