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Policy Title Sumatriptan and naproxen sodium (Treximet™)

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Members are advised to use participating pharmacies in order to receive the highest level of benefits.

Policy Sumatriptan and naproxen sodium (Treximet™) is indicated for the acute treatment of migraine attacks with or without aura in adults.

The use of Sumatriptan and naproxen sodium (Treximet™) requires prior authorization (ie, clinical pharmacy and/or Medical Director review).

Policy Description Sumatriptan and naproxen sodium (Treximet™) is a combination agent for migraine headaches. Sumatriptan is a 5-HT₁ receptor agonist that mediates vasoconstriction of the human basilar artery and vasculature of human dura mater, which correlates with the relief of migraine headache. Naproxen which is a nonsteroidal anti inflammatory drug that inhibits the synthesis of inflammatory mediators. Sumatriptan and naproxen are available separately as generic products. There have been no clinical studies to demonstrate that Treximet is superior to the combination of both generic agents.

Policy Guideline Inclusion Sumatriptan and naproxen sodium (Treximet™) is approved when **all** of the following inclusion criteria are present:

- Documentation of a diagnosis of migraine
- Documentation of a trial and failure of concurrent therapy with Sumatriptan and Naproxen containing product
- Documentation that the individual is 12 years of age or older

Policy Guideline Exclusion Sumatriptan and naproxen sodium (Treximet™) is denied when **any** of the following exclusion criteria are present:

- No documentation of a diagnosis of migraine
- No documentation of a trial and failure of concurrent therapy with

Sumatriptan and Naproxen containing product

- The individual is less than 12 years of age

Policy List of Applicable Drugs

Brand Name	Generic Name
Treximet	sumatriptan and naproxen sodium

Dosing and Administration

Refer to the specific manufacturer's prescribing information for administration and dosage details, contraindications, and Black Box warnings.

Policy References

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