



MEDICATION POLICY

Generic Name: Entecavir

Therapeutic Class or Brand Name: Baraclude®

Applicable Drugs (if Therapeutic Class):

Preferred: Entecavir tablets (generic)

Non-Preferred: Baraclude® tablets, Baraclude® oral solution

Date of Origin: 2/1/13

Date Last Reviewed/Revised: 9/13/16

GPI Code: 1235203000

Prior Authorization Criteria (may be considered medically necessary when criteria I through IV are met):

- I. Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis B virus infection with evidence of active viral replication and ONE of criteria A OR B is met:
 - A. Evidence of persistent elevations in serum aminotransferases (ALT or AST).
 - B. Histologically active disease.
- II. Minimum age requirement: 2 years old.
- III. Prescriber is a Gastroenterologist, Infectious Disease Specialist, or Hepatologist.
- IV. Non-preferred products (i.e. Baraclude® tablets, Baraclude® oral solution) require a documented clinical reason containing details as to why generic entecavir is not appropriate or is contraindicated.

Exclusion Criteria:

- N/A

Other Criteria:

- N/A

Quantity/Days Supply Restrictions:

- 30 tablets or 630mls per 30 days.

Approval Length:

- **Authorization:** 1 year.

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- **Re-Authorization:** An updated letter of medical necessity or progress notes showing current medical necessity criteria are met and that the medication is effective.

Appendix:

N/A

References:

1. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/hep.28156/epdf>.
2. http://www.aasld.org/sites/default/files/guideline_documents/ChronicHepatitisB2009.pdf.
3. http://www.fchp.org/~media/Files/FCHP/Imported/Baraclude_entecavir.pdf.ashx.
4. [Medi-Span](#).
5. http://packageinserts.bms.com/pi/pi_baraclude.pdf.

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| Historical Tracking Of Changes Made To Policy | |
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| 9/13/2016 | 1. Added “ http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/hep.28156/epdf ” under References. |
| 2/24/2015 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changed “N/A” to “Preferred: Entecavir tablets (generic); Non-Preferred: Baraclude® tablets, Baraclude® oral solution” under Applicable Drugs (if Therapeutic Class). 2. Changed “Minimum age requirement: 16 years old” to “Minimum age requirement: 2 years old” under Prior Authorization Criteria. 3. Added “Non-preferred products (i.e. Baraclude® tablets, Baraclude® oral solution) require a documented clinical reason containing details as to why generic entecavir is not appropriate or is contraindicated” under Prior Authorization Criteria. 4. Changed “30 tablets or 600ml per 30 days” to “30 tablets or 630mls per 30 days” under Quantity/Days Supply Restrictions. 5. Added “http://www.aasld.org/sites/default/files/guideline_documents/ChronicHepatitisB2009.pdf” under References. |
| 2/13/2014 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adapted policy to new format. 2. Added GPI Code. 3. Changed criterion I under Prior Authorization Criteria from: “Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis B virus infection” to: “Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis B virus infection with evidence of active viral replication and ONE of criteria A OR B is met: A. Evidence of persistent elevations in serum aminotransferases (ALT or AST); B. Histologically active disease”. 4. Updated references to include Medi-Span. |

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