



PHARMACY COVERAGE GUIDELINES
SECTION: DRUGS

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EUCRISA™ (crisaborole) ointment
ELIDEL® (pimecrolimus) cream
PROTOPIC® (tacrolimus) ointment

Coverage for services, procedures, medical devices and drugs are dependent upon benefit eligibility as outlined in the member's specific benefit plan. This Pharmacy Coverage Guideline must be read in its entirety to determine coverage eligibility, if any.

This Pharmacy Coverage Guideline provides information related to coverage determinations only and does not imply that a service or treatment is clinically appropriate or inappropriate. The provider and the member are responsible for all decisions regarding the appropriateness of care. Providers should provide BCBSAZ complete medical rationale when requesting any exceptions to these guidelines.

The section identified as "Description" defines or describes a service, procedure, medical device or drug and is in no way intended as a statement of medical necessity and/or coverage.

The section identified as "Criteria" defines criteria to determine whether a service, procedure, medical device or drug is considered medically necessary or experimental or investigational.

State or federal mandates, e.g., FEP program, may dictate that any drug, device or biological product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) may not be considered experimental or investigational and thus the drug, device or biological product may be assessed only on the basis of medical necessity.

Pharmacy Coverage Guidelines are subject to change as new information becomes available.

For purposes of this Pharmacy Coverage Guideline, the terms "experimental" and "investigational" are considered to be interchangeable.

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This Pharmacy Coverage Guideline does not apply to FEP or other states' Blues Plans.

Information about medications that require precertification is available at www.azblue.com/pharmacy.

Some large (100+) benefit plan groups may customize certain benefits, including adding or deleting precertification requirements.

All applicable benefit plan provisions apply, e.g., waiting periods, limitations, exclusions, waivers and benefit maximums.

Precertification for medication(s) or product(s) indicated in this guideline requires completion of the request form in its entirety with the chart notes as documentation. All requested data must be provided. Once completed the form must be signed by the prescribing provider and faxed back to BCBSAZ Pharmacy Management at (602) 864-3126 or emailed to Pharmacyprecert@azblue.com. **Incomplete forms or forms without the chart notes will be returned.**

EUCRISA™ (crisaborole) ointment
ELIDEL® (pimecrolimus) cream
PROTOPIC® (tacrolimus) ointment (cont.)

Eucrisa (crisaborole)

Criteria:

- **Criteria for initial therapy:** Eucrisa (crisaborole) is considered **medically necessary** and will be approved when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:
1. Prescriber is a Dermatologist
 2. Individual is 2 years of age or older
 3. A confirmed diagnosis of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis
 4. Individual has failure, contraindication (treatment of face or groin) or intolerance to **at least 2** of the medium to high potency preferred step therapy agents:
 - Alclometasone
 - Amclinonide
 - Augmented betamethasone
 - Betamethasone
 - Calcipotriene-betamethasone
 - Clobetasol
 - Clocortolone
 - Desonide
 - Desoximetasone
 - Diflirasone
 - Fluocinolone
 - Fluocinonide
 - Flurandrenolide
 - Fluticasone
 - Halog (halcinonide)
 - Halobetasol
 - Hydrocortisone
 - Mometasone
 - Pramoxine-HC
 - Prednicarbate
 - Triamcinolone
 5. Individual has failure, contraindication or intolerance to **tacrolimus (generic Protopic) topical ointment**
 6. Individual has failure, contraindication or intolerance to **Elidel (pimecrolimus) topical cream**
 7. There are **NO** contraindications.
 - Contraindications include:
 - Known hypersensitivity to the medication or any component of its formulation

EUCRISA™ (crisaborole) ointment
ELIDEL® (pimecrolimus) cream
PROTOPIC® (tacrolimus) ointment (cont.)

Initial approval duration: 60 gm tube for 30 days only

➤ **Criteria for continuation of coverage (renewal request):** Eucrisa (crisaborole) is considered *medically necessary* and will be approved when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:

1. Individual continues to consult Dermatologist
2. Individual's condition has not worsened while on therapy
 - Worsening is defined as:
 - Red, scaly, itchy and crusted bumps
 - Seeling, cracking, "weeping" clear fluid
 - Coarsening and thickening of the skin
3. Individual has been adherent with the medication
4. Individual has not developed any contraindications that may exclude continued use
 - Contraindications as listed in the criteria for initial therapy section

Renewal duration: 60 gm tube for 30 days only

Elidel (pimecrolimus)
Protopic (tacrolimus)

Criteria:

➤ **Criteria for initial therapy:** Elidel (pimecrolimus) and Protopic (tacrolimus) are considered *medically necessary* and will be approved when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:

1. Prescriber is a Dermatologist
2. **For Elidel (pimecrolimus):** A confirmed diagnosis of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis
For Protopic (tacrolimus): A confirmed diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis
3. Individual is **EITHER** a non-immunocompromised adult **OR** child 2 years of age and older, who have failed to respond adequately to other topical prescription treatments, or when those treatments are not advisable

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4. Individual has failure, contraindication or intolerance to **at least 2** of the preferred medium to high potency topical corticosteroids:
 - Alclometasone
 - Amclinonide
 - Augmented betamethasone
 - Betamethasone
 - Calcipotriene-betamethasone
 - Clobetasol
 - Clocortolone
 - Desonide
 - Desoximetasone
 - Diflirasone
 - Fluocinolone
 - Fluocinonide
 - Flurandrenolide
 - Fluticasone
 - Halog (halcinonide)
 - Halobetasol
 - Hydrocortisone
 - Mometasone
 - Pramoxine-HC
 - Prednicarbate
 - Triamcinolone
5. **For Protopic:** Individual has failure, contraindication or intolerance to **tacrolimus (generic Protopic) topical ointment**
6. There are **NO** contraindications.
 - Contraindications include:
 - Known hypersensitivity to the medication or any component of its formulation

Initial approval duration: 30 gm tube for 30 days only

- **Criteria for continuation of coverage (renewal request):** Elidel (pimecrolimus) and Protopic (tacrolimus) is considered ***medically necessary*** and will be approved when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:
1. Individual continues to consult the Dermatologist
 2. Individual's condition has not worsened while on therapy
 - Worsening is defined as:
 - Red, scaly, itchy and crusted bumps
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3. Individual has been adherent with the medication
4. Individual has not developed any contraindications or other significant level 4 adverse drug effects that may exclude continued use
 - Contraindications as listed in the criteria for initial therapy section

Renewal duration: 30 gm tube for 30 days only

Resources:

Elidel (pimecrolimus) cream, 1%, product information accessed 01-15-19 at DailyMed:
<https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=e4027e5a-0f9b-4070-b196-f60172f45c4c>

Eucrisa (crisaborole) ointment, 2%, product information accessed 01-15-19 at DailyMed:
<https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=609b77de-1ca3-4783-b8f5-01a9c0f1d77d>

Protopic (tacrolimus) ointment, 0.03% & 0.1%, product information accessed at DailyMed:
<https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=8c2e5036-5f1b-4e71-bf87-5faef295fa96>

Eucrisa. Package Insert. Revised by manufacturer 10/2017. Accessed 2-1-18.

Elidel. Package Insert. Revised by manufacturer 12/2017. Accessed 2-1-18.

Protopic. Package Insert. Revised by manufacturer 7/2017. Accessed 2-1-18.



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Fax completed prior authorization request form to 602-864-3126 or email to pharmacyprecert@azblue.com.
 Call 866-325-1794 to check the status of a request.
 All requested data must be provided. **Incomplete forms or forms without the chart notes will be returned.**
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Pharmacy Prior Authorization Request Form

Do not copy for future use. Forms are updated frequently.

REQUIRED: Office notes, labs, and medical testing relevant to the request that show medical justification are required.

Member Information			
Member Name (first & last):	Date of Birth:	Gender:	BCBSAZ ID#:
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:

Prescribing Provider Information			
Provider Name (first & last):	Specialty:	NPI#:	DEA#:
Office Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Office Contact:	Office Phone:	Office Fax:	

Dispensing Pharmacy Information		
Pharmacy Name:	Pharmacy Phone:	Pharmacy Fax:

Requested Medication Information			
Medication Name:	Strength:	Dosage Form:	
Directions for Use:	Quantity:	Refills:	Duration of Therapy/Use:

Check if requesting **brand** only Check if requesting **generic**

Check if requesting continuation of therapy (prior authorization approved by BCBSAZ expired)

Turn-Around Time For Review	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent. Sign here: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Exigent (requires prescriber to include a written statement)

Clinical Information

1. What is the diagnosis? Please specify below.
 ICD-10 Code: _____ Diagnosis Description: _____

2. Yes No **Was this medication started on a recent hospital discharge or emergency room visit?**

3. Yes No **There is absence of ALL contraindications.**

4. What medication(s) has the individual tried and failed for this diagnosis? Please specify below.
 Important note: Samples provided by the provider are not accepted as continuation of therapy or as an adequate trial and failure.

Medication Name, Strength, Frequency	Dates started and stopped or Approximate Duration	Describe response, reason for failure, or allergy

5. Are there any supporting labs or test results? Please specify below.

Date	Test	Value

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6. Is there any additional information the prescribing provider feels is important to this review? Please specify below.
For example, explain the negative impact on medical condition, safety issue, reason formulary agent is not suitable to a specific medical condition, expected adverse clinical outcome from use of formulary agent, or reason different dosage form or dose is needed.

Signature affirms that information given on this form is true and accurate and reflects office notes

Prescribing Provider's Signature:	Date:
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Please note: Some medications may require completion of a drug-specific request form.

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