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AETNA BETTER HEALTH®  Coverage Policy/Guideline				
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	⊠Pennsylvania Kids	⊠Virginia	□Texas	

### Intent:

The intent of this policy/guideline is to provide information to the prescribing practitioner outlining the coverage criteria for anthelmintics under the patient's prescription drug benefit.

## **Description:**

This program applies to the anthelmintic products specified in this policy. Coverage for targeted products is provided based on clinical circumstances that would exclude the use of the preferred product and may be based on previous use of a product. The coverage review process will ascertain situations where a clinical exception can be made. This program applies to all members requesting treatment with a targeted product.

Each referral is reviewed based on all utilization management (UM) programs implemented for the client.

# **Applicable Drug List:**

### **Preferred:**

- Ivermectin tablet
- Pinworm Suspension (pyrantel pamoate)
- Praziquantel tablet

## **Targeted:**

Emverm chewable tablet (mebendazole)

## Policy/Guideline:

# Coverage for Emverm (mebendazole) is provided when ANY of the following criteria are met:

A. Member has a documented inadequate response, intolerable adverse event, or contraindication with any of the preferred products that are indicated for the type of parasitic infection being treated (see Appendix A).

### OR

B. Member has a diagnosis of capillariasis.

### OR

C. Member has a diagnosis of hydatid cyst disease (hydatidosis), trichinellosis (trichinosis), or toxocariasis.

### AND

1. Member has a documented inadequate response, intolerable adverse event, or contraindication with albendazole.

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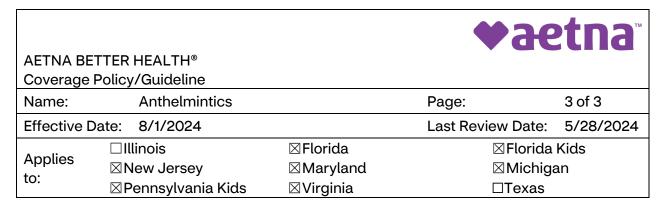
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**Appendix A:** 

	Common Causative	Preferred and Alternative Treatment (per
Name of Infection	Parasite(s)	CDC)
	Enterobius	
Enterobiasis (pinworm)	vermicularis	Pyrantel, albendazole, or Emverm
	Ancylostoma	
	duodenale	
Ancylostomiasis	Ancylostoma	
(intestinal hookworm)	ceylanicum	Pyrantel, albendazole, or Emverm
Ancylostomiasis	Ancylostoma	
(cutaneous larva	braziliense	
migrans)	Ancylostoma caninum	Pyrantel, albendazole, or Emverm
Necatoriasis (intestinal		
hookworm)	Necator americanus	Pyrantel, albendazole, or Emverm
Ascariasis	Ascaris lumbricoides	Ivermectin, albendazole, or Emverm
Trichuriasis (whipworm)	Trichuris trichiura	Ivermectin, albendazole, or Emverm
	Gnathostoma	
Gnathostomiasis	spinigerum	Ivermectin or albendazole
		Ivermectin
	Strongyloides	Alternative: Albendazole (for confirmed or
Strongyloidiasis	stercoralis	suspected coinfection with Loa loa)
		Diethylcarbamazine (DEC) *Only available
		through CDC
Loiasis (African eye		Alternative: Albendazole may be prescribed
worm)	Loa	prior to DEC



	Echinococcus	
Echinococcosis		
	granulosus	Alleganderale
(hydatidosis or hydatid	Echinococcus	Albendazole
disease)	multilocularis	Alternative: Emverm
	Trichinella spiralis	
	Trichinella	
Trichinellosis (trichinosis)	pseudospiralis	Albendazole or Emverm
Toxocariasis (visceral	Toxocara canis	
larva migrans)	Toxocara cati	Albendazole or Emverm
	Capillaria	Emverm
Capillariasis	philippinensis	Alternative: Albendazole
Cysticercosis	Taenia solium	Albendazole or praziquantel
	Taenia solium	
	Taenia saginata	
Taeniasis	Taenia asiatica	Praziquantel
	Schistosoma mansoni	
	Schistosoma	
	haematobium	
Schistosomiasis	Schistosoma	
(bilharzia)	japonicum	Praziquantel
Clonorchiasis (Chinese	•	·
liver fluke)	Clonorchis sinensis	Praziquantel
Paragonimiasis (lung		
fluke)	Paragonimus	Praziquantel
	Opisthorchis viverrini	
Opisthorchis	Opisthorchis felineus	Praziquantel