



AETNA BETTER HEALTH®
Coverage Policy/Guideline

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Intent:

The intent of this policy/guideline is to provide information to the prescribing practitioner outlining the coverage criteria for Lupron Depot (Endometriosis-Fibroids) under the patient's prescription drug benefit.

Description:

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indications^{1,2}

Endometriosis

Lupron Depot 3.75 mg and Lupron Depot-3 Month 11.25 mg are indicated for management of endometriosis, including pain relief and reduction of endometriotic lesions. Lupron Depot 3.75 mg monthly and Lupron Depot-3 Month 11.25 mg with norethindrone acetate 5 mg daily are also indicated for initial management of the painful symptoms of endometriosis and for management of recurrence of symptoms.

Use of norethindrone acetate in combination with Lupron Depot 3.75 mg and Lupron Depot 11.25 mg is referred to as add-back therapy, and is intended to reduce the loss of bone mineral density (BMD) and reduce vasomotor symptoms associated with use of Lupron Depot 3.75 mg and Lupron Depot 11.25 mg.

Uterine Leiomyomata (Fibroids)

When used concomitantly with iron therapy, Lupron Depot 3.75 mg and Lupron Depot-3 Month 11.25 mg are indicated for preoperative hematologic improvement of women with anemia caused by fibroids for whom three months of hormonal suppression is deemed necessary. Consider a one-month trial period on iron alone, as some women will respond to iron alone. Lupron Depot may be added if the response to iron alone is considered inadequate.

Limitations of Use:

For endometriosis: The total duration of therapy with Lupron Depot 3.75 mg and 11.25 mg plus add-back therapy should not exceed 12 months due to concerns about adverse impact on bone mineral density.

For uterine leiomyomata (fibroids): Lupron Depot 3.75 mg and 11.25 mg are not indicated for combination use with norethindrone acetate add-back therapy for the preoperative hematologic improvement of women with anemia caused by heavy menstrual bleeding due to fibroids.



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Compendial Uses^{3,6-9}

- Breast cancer³
- Ovarian cancer – Epithelial ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer, and less common ovarian cancers (grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma, low-grade serous carcinoma, carcinosarcoma [malignant mixed Müllerian tumors], mucinous carcinoma of the ovary, or clear cell carcinoma of the ovary)³
- Recurrent androgen receptor positive salivary gland tumors
- Preservation of ovarian function^{6,7}
- Prevention of recurrent menstrual related attacks in acute porphyria^{8,9}
- Uterine Sarcoma³

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

For Maryland requests related to gender dysphoria please use Gender Affirming Care Aetna MD Medicaid C26818-A

For Virginia requests related to gender dysphoria please use GnRH Analogs for Gender Dysphoria C22189-A Aetna Medicaid

Applicable Drug List:

Lupron Depot 1-Month 3.75 mg
Lupron Depot 3-Month 11.25 mg

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Prescriber Specialties^{8,9}

For prevention of recurrent menstrual related attacks in acute porphyria, this medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a provider experienced in the management of porphyrias.

Coverage Criteria

Endometriosis^{1,2}

Authorization of up to 6 months (one treatment course) may be granted to members for initial treatment of endometriosis.



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Uterine Leiomyomata (Fibroids)^{1,2,4,5}

Authorization of up to 3 months may be granted for initial treatment of uterine leiomyomata (fibroids) when either of the following criteria is met:

- Member has anemia due to uterine leiomyomata.
- Lupron Depot will be used prior to surgery for uterine leiomyomata.

Breast Cancer³

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of hormone receptor-positive breast cancer.

Ovarian Cancer³

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of persistent disease or recurrence of any of the following types of ovarian cancer when used as a single agent:

- Epithelial ovarian cancer
- Fallopian tube cancer
- Primary peritoneal cancer
- Grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma
- Low-grade serous carcinoma
- Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed Müllerian tumors)
- Mucinous carcinoma of the ovary
- Clear cell carcinoma of the ovary

Salivary Gland Tumors^{3,10}

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of recurrent, unresectable, or metastatic salivary gland tumors as a single agent or in combination with abiraterone and prednisone when the tumor is androgen receptor positive AND the patient is unable to take Eligard for the given diagnosis due to a trial and inadequate treatment response or intolerance, or a contraindication.

Preservation of Ovarian Function^{6,7}

Authorization of 3 months may be granted for preservation of ovarian function when the member is premenopausal and undergoing chemotherapy.

Prevention of Recurrent Menstrual Related Attacks in Acute Porphyria^{8,9}

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for prevention of recurrent menstrual related attacks in members with acute porphyria.



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Uterine Sarcoma³

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of uterine sarcoma in combination with an aromatase inhibitor (e.g. anastrozole, letrozole, exemestane) when the member is premenopausal and not suitable for surgery.

Continuation of Therapy

Endometriosis^{1,2}

Authorization of up to 6 months (for a lifetime maximum of 12 months total) may be granted for retreatment of endometriosis when both of the following criteria are met:

- The member has had a recurrence of symptoms.
- The member has a bone mineral density within normal limits.

Uterine Leiomyomata (Fibroids)^{1,2,4,5}

Authorization of up to 3 months (for a lifetime maximum of 6 months total) may be granted when either of the following criteria is met:

- Member has anemia due to uterine leiomyomata.
- Lupron Depot will be used prior to surgery for uterine leiomyomata.

Breast Cancer, Ovarian Cancer, Salivary Gland Tumors, Uterine Sarcoma^{3,10}

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, salivary gland tumors, and uterine sarcoma in members requesting reauthorization when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.

Preventions of Ovarian Function, and Prevention of Recurrent Menstrual Related Attacks in Acute Porphyria^{8,9}

All members (including new members) requesting authorization for continuation of therapy must meet all requirements in the coverage criteria section.

Approval Duration and Quantity Restrictions:

Approval:

- Endometriosis – up to 6 months for a lifetime maximum of 12 months total
- Uterine leiomyomata (fibroids) – up to 3 months for a lifetime maximum of 6 months total



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- Breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and salivary gland tumors, uterine sarcoma, prevention of recurrent menstrual related attacks in acute porphyria – 12 months
- Preservation of ovarian function in patients with cancer – 3 months

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