Horizon NJ Health

Dextromethorphan HBr-Quinidine Sulfate (Nuedexta) – Medical Necessity Request

Contraindication Information:

Please indicate if the member has any of the following contraindications to therapy:

- Concomitant use with mefloquine (Lariam), quinidine, or quinine
- History of dextromethorphan/quinidine, quinidine, quinine or mefloquine-induced thrombocytopenia, hepatitis, bone marrow depression or lupus-like syndrome
- Concomitant use of monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) or within 14 days of MAOI use
- Prolonged QT interval, congenital long QT syndrome, history suggestive of torsades de pointes, or heart failure
- Complete atrioventricular (AV) block without implanted pacemaker, or at high risk of complete AV block
- Concomitant use with drugs that both prolong QT interval and are metabolized by CYP2D6 [e.g., thioridazine (Mellaril) or pimozide (Orap)]
- Hypersensitivity to dextromethorphan
- NONE

Diagnosis Information:

1. Is the member experiencing Pseudobulbar affect (PBA*)? Yes or No
   a. If no, please provide the member’s diagnosis: ______________________________

2. What condition is the Pseudobulbar affect (PBA*) associated with?
   - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
   - Multiple sclerosis (MS)
   - Traumatic brain injury
   - Stroke
   - Alzheimer's disease
   - Parkinson's disease
   - Other: ______________________________

* PBA is associated with involuntary, sudden, and frequent episodes of laughing and/or crying due to a neurological condition. PBA episodes typically occur out of proportion or incongruent to the underlying emotional state.

Physician office's signature* ____________________________ Print Name ____________________________

*Form must be completed and signed by physician or licensed representative from the physician’s office

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