

## Clinical Policy: Iloperidone (Fanapt)

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### Description

Iloperidone (Fanapt<sup>®</sup>) is an atypical antipsychotic.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Fanapt is indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia in adults.

### Policy/Criteria

*Provider must submit documentation (including such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

It is the policy of Arizona Complete Health that Fanapt is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

## I. Initial Approval Criteria

### A. Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorder (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of schizophrenia spectrum disorder (schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, schizophreniform disorders)
2. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
3. Failure of 3 preferred atypical antipsychotics (e.g., aripiprazole, clozapine, Latuda, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone) at maximum indicated doses, each trialed for  $\geq$  4 weeks, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
4. Dose does not exceed 24 mg per day (2 tablets per day).

**Approval duration:** 12 months

### B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): AZ.CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

## II. Continued Therapy

### A. Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorder (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Fanapt and has received this medication for schizophrenia spectrum disorder for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 24 mg per day (2 tablets/day).

**Approval duration:** 12 months

### B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.

- Approval duration: Duration of request or 12 months (whichever is less);** or
2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): AZ.CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:**

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – AZ.CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

Not applicable

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
aripiprazole (Abilify®)	10-30 mg by mouth daily	30 mg/day
Clozapine	12.5 mg-450 mg in divided doses	900mg/day
ziprasidone (Geodon®)	40-80 mg by mouth twice daily	160 mg/day
Latuda® (lurasidone)	40 mg- 160 mg once daily with food.	160 mg/day
risperidone (Risperdal®)	1-4 mg by mouth daily to twice daily	16 mg/day
Quetiapine (Seroquel®)	400-800 mg/day by mouth twice daily to three times daily in divided doses	800 mg/day
olanzapine (Zyprexa®)	10-20 mg by mouth daily	20 mg/day

*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*

*Appendix C: General Information*

Schizophrenia Spectrum and other psychotic disorders include schizophrenia, and other psychotic disorders and schizotypal (personality) disorder. They are defined by abnormalities in one or more of the following 5 domains: Delusions, hallucinations, disorganized thinking, grossly disorganized or abnormal motor behavior including catatonia, and negative symptoms.

Fanapt has a black box warning for increased mortality in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis. Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis treated with antipsychotic drugs are at an increased risk of death. Fanapt is not approved for use in patients with dementia-related psychosis.

Fanapt is indicated for the acute treatment of schizophrenia in adults. Fanapt has been associated with prolongation of the QTc interval, which may limit its place in therapy to situations where other antipsychotics drugs have been tried first without success. Due to the slow titration schedule recommended for Fanapt, control of symptoms may be delayed during the first 1 to 2 weeks of therapy, compared to other antipsychotic drugs that do not require a slow titration

#### V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Schizophrenia	12 to 24 mg/day twice daily	24 mg/day

#### VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 1 mg, 2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg, and 12 mg

#### VII. References

1. Fanapt Prescribing Information. Washington, D.C: Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.; February 2017. Available at: <https://www.fanapt.com/>. Accessed December 30, 2019
2. Clinical Pharmacology [database online]. Tampa, FL: Gold Standard, Inc.; 2018. Available at: <http://www.clinicalpharmacology-ip.com/>. Accessed May 2018
3. American Psychiatric Association: Guideline Watch (September 2009): Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia, 2009. <http://psychiatryonline.org/guidelines>. Accessed May 2018.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Converted to new template. Updated references	05.18	07.18
Added more examples of AHCCCS preferred atypical antipsychotics; minor changes of formatting	04.19	04.19
Renumbered; Updated logo; Removed Saphris from the preferred drug list	01.20	01.20

**Important Reminder**

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**Note:**

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**For Medicaid members**, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.

**For Health Insurance Marketplace members**, when applicable, this policy applies only when the prescribed agent is on your health plan approved formulary. Request for non-formulary drugs must be reviewed using the formulary exception policy.

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