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Coverage Policy/Guideline

Name: Symproic (naldemedine)

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Applies to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/> Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Florida Kids
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Kids	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia	<input type="checkbox"/> Texas

### Intent:

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

### Description:

Symproic is indicated for the treatment of opioid-induced constipation (OIC) in adult patients with chronic non-cancer pain, including patients with chronic pain related to prior cancer or its treatment who do not require frequent (for example, weekly) opioid dosage escalation.

### Applicable Drug List:

Symproic

### Policy/Guideline:

**The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:**

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of opioid-induced constipation (OIC) in an adult patient with chronic non-cancer pain, including chronic pain related to prior cancer or its treatment who does not require frequent (for example, weekly) opioid dosage escalation

**AND**

- The patient had treatment failure with at least one medication from the stimulant laxative group (for example, bisacodyl, sodium picosulfate, or senna)

### Approval Duration and Quantity Restrictions:

**Approval:** 12 months

**Quantity Level Limit:** Reference Formulary for drug specific quantity level limits

### References:

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