

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICY

POLICY: Topical Alpha-Adrenergic Agonists for Rosacea – Rhofade Prior Authorization Policy

- Rhofade[®] (oxymetazoline 1% hydrochloride cream – EPI Health)

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OVERVIEW

Rhofade, an alpha_{1A}-adrenergic agonist, is indicated for the topical treatment of persistent **facial erythema associated with rosacea** in adults.¹

Rhofade has been shown to decrease the erythema associated with rosacea and has not been shown to exert any beneficial effects on inflammatory lesions.¹⁻³

POLICY STATEMENT

Prior Authorization is recommended for prescription benefit coverage of Rhofade. All approvals are provided for the duration noted below.

Automation: None.

RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

Coverage of Rhofade is recommended in those who meet the following criteria:

FDA-Approved Indication

1. **Facial Erythema.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets BOTH of the following (A and B):
 - A) Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND
 - B) Patient has facial erythema associated with rosacea.

CONDITIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Coverage of Rhofade is not recommended in the following situations:

1. **Erythema Caused by Conditions Other Than Rosacea.**
2. Coverage is not recommended for circumstances not listed in the Recommended Authorization Criteria. Criteria will be updated as new published data are available.

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