

DRUG QUANTITY MANAGEMENT POLICY – PER RX

- POLICY:** Potassium Binders – Lokelma Drug Quantity Management Policy – Per Rx
- Lokelma® (sodium zirconium cyclosilicate for oral suspension – AstraZeneca)

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OVERVIEW

Lokelma, a potassium-binder, is indicated for the treatment of **hyperkalemia** in adults.¹

Dosing

The recommended starting dose of Lokelma is 10 grams administered orally three times a day for up to 48 hours.¹ For maintenance treatment, the recommended dose is 10 grams once daily. The dose may be titrated up based on the serum potassium level at intervals of 1 week or longer and in increments of 5 grams. Decrease the dose of Lokelma or discontinue if serum potassium is below the target range. The recommended maintenance dose is from 5 grams every other day to 15 grams daily.

In patients receiving chronic hemodialysis, the recommended starting dose is 5 grams once daily administered only on non-dialysis days.¹ A starting dose of 10 grams once daily on non-dialysis days if the patient's serum potassium is > 6.5 mEq/L. Monitor potassium and adjust the Lokelma dose based on pre-dialysis serum potassium value after the long inter-dialytic interval and desired target range. The recommended maintenance dose is from 5 grams to 15 grams once daily, on non-dialysis days.

Availability

Lokelma is available in 5 gram and 10 gram packets.¹

POLICY STATEMENT

This Drug Quantity Management program has been developed to manage dose titration and provide for dose consolidation of Lokelma. If the Drug Quantity Management rule is not met for the requested medication at the point of service, coverage will be determined by the Criteria below. All approvals are provided for 1 year in duration, unless otherwise noted below.

Automation: None.

Drug Quantity Limits

Product	Strength and Form	Retail Maximum Quantity per Rx	Home Delivery Maximum Quantity per Rx
Lokelma® (sodium zirconium cyclosilicate for oral suspension)	5 gram packets	30 packets	90 packets
	10 gram packets	30 packets	90 packets

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CRITERIA

Lokelma 5 gram packets

1. If the patient requires a maintenance dose of 15 grams daily, approve 90 packets per dispensing at retail and 270 packets per dispensing at home delivery.

Lokelma 10 gram packets

1. If the patient is initiating therapy with Lokelma, approve a one-time override for the requested quantity, not to exceed 34 packets at retail and 94 packets at home delivery.

REFERENCES

1. Lokelma[®] powder for oral suspension [prescribing information]. Wilmington, DE: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals; October 2021.