

STEP THERAPY POLICY

- POLICY:** Topical Acne – Cleansers Step Therapy Policy
- Avar™ (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9.5%/5% cleansing pads – Mission)
 - Avar™ LS (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10%/2% cleansing pads – Mission)
 - BP 10-1 wash (sodium sulfacetamide 10%/sulfur 1% wash – Acella Pharmaceuticals, generics)
 - BP Cleansing wash (sulfacetamide 10%/sulfur 4%/urea 10% – Acella Pharmaceuticals, generics)
 - Pacnex® 7% Topical Wash (benzoyl peroxide 7% topical wash – Medimetriks, generics)
 - Pacnex® HP (benzoyl peroxide 7% cleansing pads – Medimetriks)
 - Pacnex® LP (benzoyl peroxide 4.25% cleansing pads – Medimetriks)
 - Plexion® (sulfacetamide/sulfur 9.8/4.8% cleanser; sulfacetamide/sulfur 9.8/4.8% cleansing pads – Brava)
 - Rosanil® (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10%/5% cleanser lotion – Galderma, generics)
 - Rosula® (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10%/4.5% wash – Avion)
 - Sulfacleanse 8-4 suspension (sodium sulfacetamide 8%/sulfur 4% – Prugen, generics)
 - Sumadan® (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9%/4.5% wash – Medimetriks)
 - Sumadan® XLT (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9%/4.5% wash – Medimetriks)
 - Sumaxin® (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9%/4% cleansing pads – Medimetriks, generics)
 - Sumaxin® (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9%/4% wash – Medimetriks)
 - Sumaxin® CP (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10%/4% Kit – Medimetriks)
 - Sumaxin® TS (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 8%/4% topical suspension – Medimetriks)

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OVERVIEW

Many topical products are available for the **treatment of acne vulgaris**.^{1,2} Benzoyl peroxide-containing products are generally indicated for the treatment and prevention of mild to moderate acne vulgaris. Sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur are antimicrobial and antiseptic agents, respectively, which aid in the removal of keratin and drying of the skin and are available in a variety of strengths and vehicles. These products (sulfacetamide/sulfur) are additionally used for acne rosacea and seborrheic dermatitis. Acne treatment guidelines do not prefer any of the brand name products over the similar generic products.³

The topical products for treatment of acne are available in multiple formulations.^{1,2} Creams and lotions may be best for dry or sensitive skin and gels or foams may be best for more oil skin (although newer aqueous gels may also be suitable for sensitive skin).³

POLICY STATEMENT

This program has been developed to encourage the use of a Step 1 Product prior to the use of a Step 2 Product. If the Step Therapy rule is not met for a Step 2 Product at the point of service, coverage will be determined by the Step Therapy criteria below. All approvals are provided for 1 year in duration.

Note: For the purpose of this policy, a topical cleanser is defined as a cleanser, solution, liquid, wash, foaming cloth, cleansing cloth or soap.

Automation: A patient with a history of one Step 1 Product within the 130-day look-back period is excluded from Step Therapy.

Step 1: Generic prescription topical acne cleansers containing benzoyl peroxide or sulfacetamide/sulfur.

Note: This is not an inclusive list.

- Benzoyl Peroxide 10% Topical Wash
- Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur 10%-4% Cleansing Pads
- Sodium Sulfacetamide 10% and Sulfur 2% Topical Cleanser
- Sulfacetamide Sodium/Sulfur 10% -5% Topical Cleanser
- Sodium Sulfacetamide-Sulfur 9.8%-4.8% Topical Cleanser

Step 2: Topical acne cleansers containing benzoyl peroxide or sulfacetamide/sulfur.

Note: This is not an inclusive list.

- Avar™ (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9.5%/5% cleansing pads)
- Avar™ LS (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10%/2% cleansing pads)
- BP 10-1 wash (sodium sulfacetamide 10%/sulfur 1% wash)
- BP Cleansing wash (sulfacetamide 10%/sulfur 4%/urea 10%)
- Pacnex® 7% Topical Wash (benzoyl peroxide 7% topical wash)
- Pacnex® HP (benzoyl peroxide 7% cleansing pads)
- Pacnex® LP (benzoyl peroxide 4.25% cleansing pads)
- Plexion® (sulfacetamide/sulfur 9.8/4.8% cleanser)
- Plexion® (sulfacetamide/sulfur 9.8/4.8% cleansing pads)
- Rosanil® (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10%/5% cleanser lotion)
- Rosula (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10%/4.5% wash)
- Sulfacleanse 8-4 suspension (sodium sulfacetamide 8%/sulfur 4%)
- Sumadan™ (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9%/4.5% wash)
- Sumadan XLT (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9%/4.5% wash)
- Sumaxin® (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 9%/4% cleansing pads)
- Sumaxin® (sulfacetamide/sulfur 9%/4% wash)
- Sumaxin® CP (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 10%/4% kit)
- Sumaxin® TS (sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur 8%/4% topical suspension)

CRITERIA

1. If the patient has tried one Step 1 Product, approve a Step 2 Product.
2. No other exceptions are recommended.

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