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Policy Title Non-Preferred Insulins

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Policy **Insulins** are indicated for the treatment of type 1 diabetes mellitus and type 2 diabetes mellitus that cannot be controlled properly by diet, exercise, and weight reduction.

The use of non-preferred insulins require prior authorization (ie, clinical pharmacy and/or Medical Director review).

Policy Description **Insulin** and its analogs lower blood glucose levels by stimulating peripheral glucose uptake, especially by skeletal muscle and fat, and by inhibiting hepatic glucose production. Insulin, secreted by the beta cells of the pancreas, is the principal hormone required for proper glucose use in normal metabolic processes.

Policy Guideline Inclusion A **non-preferred insulin** is approved when the following inclusion criterion is met:

- Documentation of a trial and failure or contraindication to one preferred insulin:
 - Novo Nordisk
 - Novolin N
 - Novolin R
 - Novolin 70/30
 - Novolog
 - Novolog Mix 70/30

Policy Guideline Exclusion A **non-preferred insulin** is denied when the following exclusion criterion is present:

- No documentation of a trial and failure or contraindication to one preferred insulin:

- Novo Nordisk
 - Novolin N
 - Novolin R
 - Novolin 70/30
 - Novolog
 - Novolog Mix 70/30

Policy List of Applicable Drugs	Non-Preferred Insulins Policy accounts for all insulins except Levemir and Lantus.
Dosing and Administration	Refer to the specific manufacturer's prescribing information for administration and dosage details for each specific agent.
Policy References	<p>AACE Diabetes Mellitus Clinical Practice Guidelines Task Force: American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists medical guidelines for clinical practice for the management of diabetes mellitus. Endocr Pract 2007; 13 Suppl 1:1-68.</p> <p>Product Information: Apidra(R) injection, insulin glulisine [rDNA origin] injection. Sanofi-Aventis US,LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, 2007.</p> <p>Product Information: Apidra(TM), insulin glulisine. Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Kansas City, MO, 2004.</p> <p>Product Information: Humalog(R) injection, insulin lispro recombinant (rDNA origin) injection. Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, IN, 2004.</p> <p>Product Information: Humalog(R) insulin lispro. Eli Lilly & Co, Indianapolis, IN, 2000.</p> <p>Product Information: Lantus(R) injection, insulin glargine (rDNA) injection. Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., Kansas City, MO, 2005.</p> <p>Product Information: Lantus(R) Injection, insulin glargine (rDNA) injection. Sanofi-Aventis US,LLC, Bridgewater, NJ, 2007.</p> <p>Product Information: Lantus(R) subcutaneous injection, insulin glargine, recombinant subcutaneous injection. Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc, Kansas City, MO, 2004.</p> <p>Product Information: Levemir(R) injection, insulin detemir injection. Novo Nordisk Inc, Princeton, NJ, 2005.</p> <p>Product Information: Lantus(R), insulin glargine. Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., Kansas City, MO, 2001.</p> <p>Product Information: Lantus®, insulin glargine. Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., Kansas City, MO, 2000.</p> <p>Product Information: Novolog(R), insulin aspart (rDNA origin) injection. Novo Nordisk, Inc., Princeton, NJ, 2005</p> <p>Becker RHA, Frick AD, Wessels DH, et al: Pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of a new, rapidly-acting insulin analog, insulin glulisine (abstract 471-P). Diabetes 2003b; 52(6):A110(1).</p> <p>Comparison of insulins. Pharmacist's Letter/Prescriber's Letter 2006;22 (9):220910.</p>
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