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Review Guidelines for Appropriateness of Compounded Products

- Compounding of medication may be allowed:
 - For making a strength of a medication when specific doses are not commercially available and a significantly different dosage strength is clinically needed
 - For preparation of a medication that has been withdrawn from the marketplace due to economic concerns, NOT safety
 - For those patients that cannot swallow or have trouble swallowing and require a different dosage form than is commercially available
 - For those patients who have sensitivity to dyes, preservatives, or fillers in commercial products and require allergy-free medications
 - For children who require liquid medications

- A compound drug will only be covered if it is
 - Considered medically necessary according to specified criteria as detailed below and
 - Commercially available alternative agents have been previously tried with therapeutic failure or patient intolerance.

- Medically necessity criteria for a compound drug:
 - All ingredients are FDA approved for medical use in the United States
 - It is not a copy of a commercially available FDA approved product
 - It is not a substitution for an available FDA approved product
 - One or more prescription ingredients is included in the compound; a compound whose primary active ingredient is OTC will only be covered if that particular OTC is covered under the beneficiary's program
 - Safety and effectiveness of use for the prescribed indication is supported by FDA approval or adequate medical and scientific evidence in the medical literature