

Clinical Policy Title:	flibanserin
Policy Number:	RxA.340
Drug(s) Applied:	Addyi®
Original Policy Date:	03/06/2020
Last Review Date:	09/14/2020
Line of Business Policy Applies to:	All lines of business

Background

Flibanserin (Addyi®) is a serotonin 5-HT1A receptor agonist and a 5-HT2A receptor antagonist. Addyi® is indicated for the treatment of premenopausal women with acquired, generalized hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) as characterized by low sexual desire that causes marked distress or interpersonal difficulty and is NOT due to:

- A co-existing medical or psychiatric condition,
- Problems within the relationship, or
- The effects of a medication or other drug substance.

Limitation(s) of use:

- Addyi® is not indicated for the treatment of HSDD in postmenopausal women or in men.
- Addyi® is not indicated to enhance sexual performance.

Dosing Information

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
flibanserin (Addyi®)	HSDD	100 mg PO QD at bedtime	100 mg/day

Dosage Forms

- Tablets: 100 mg

Clinical Policy

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of HSDD in premenopausal women;
2. Age 18 years of age or older;
3. Dose does not exceed 100 mg (1 tablet) per day.

Approval duration

Commercial: 3 months

Medicaid: 3 months

This clinical policy has been developed to authorize, modify, or determine coverage for individuals with similar conditions. Specific care and treatment may vary depending on individual need and benefits covered by the plan. This policy is not intended to dictate to providers how to practice medicine, nor does it constitute a contract or guarantee regarding payment or results. This document may contain prescription brand name drugs that are trademarks of pharmaceutical manufacturers that are not affiliated with RxAdvance.

II. Continued Therapy Approval

A. Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication that has been authorized by RxAdvance or member has previously met initial approval criteria listed in this policy;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 100 mg (1 tablet) per day .

Approval duration

Commercial: 12 months

Medicaid: 12 months

III. Appendices

APPENDIX A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

DSM: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

HSDD: hypoactive sexual desire disorder

APPENDIX B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

APPENDIX C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - Moderate or strong CYP450 3A4 inhibitors
 - Hepatic impairment
- Boxed warning(s):
 - Hypotension and syncope in certain settings

APPENDIX D: General Information

- HSDD is characterized by a deficiency or absence of sexual fantasies and desire for sexual activity which causes marked distress or interpersonal difficulty, and is not better accounted for by another psychiatric disorder or due exclusively to the direct physiological effects of a substance or to the direct physiological effects of another medical condition. HSDD does not encompass normal (e.g., daily or weekly) fluctuations in levels of desire.
- There is currently no published data demonstrating the efficacy of Addyi® in the treatment of HSDD in postmenopausal women or in men.
- Treatment should be discontinued after 8 weeks if there is no improvement in symptoms.
- In the DSM-5, female hypoactive sexual desire disorder was merged with female arousal dysfunction and is now reclassified as one disorder: female sexual interest/arousal disorder.

References

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Review/Revision History	Review/Revised Date	P&T Approval Date
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