

Clinical Policy Title:	cysteamine hydrochloride
Policy Number:	RxA.085
Drug(s) Applied:	Cystaran®
Original Policy Date:	02/07/2020
Last Review Date:	12/11/2025
Line of Business Policy Applies to:	All lines of business (except Medicare)

Criteria

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Corneal Cystine Crystal Accumulation (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of cystinosis;
2. Presence of corneal cystine accumulation.

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 6 months

II. Continued Therapy Approval

A. Corneal Cystine Crystal Accumulation (must meet all):

1. Auto-approval based on lookback functionality within the past 120 days as a proxy for member responding positively to therapy.

Approval duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

References

Not Applicable.

Review/Revision History	Review/Revision Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy was established	01/2020	02/07/2020
Policy was reviewed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical policy title was updated. 2. Commercial and Medicaid approval duration was added for both initial and continued therapy criteria. 3. Continued therapy criteria II.A.1 was rephrased to "Member is currently receiving medication..." 4. References were reviewed and updated. 	02/02/2021	03/09/2021

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<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical Policy Title: Updated from cysteamine ophthalmic to cysteamine hydrochloride. 2. References were reviewed and updated. 	11/24/2021	01/17/2022
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. References were reviewed and updated. 	10/03/2022	01/17/2023
<p>Policy was reviewed.</p>	10/19/2023	10/19/2023
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removed prescriber restrictions. 2. Removed dose restrictions. 3. Updated Continued therapy approval with auto-approval based on lookback functionality within the past 120 days. 4. Removed reauthorization requirement for positive response to therapy. 5. Updated approval duration verbiage. 	8/28/2024	09/13/2024
<p>Policy reviewed.</p>	12/11/2025	12/11/2025