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## Topical Corticosteroids

### Description

Alcovate Cream, Ointment 0.05% (alclometasone dipropionate)	Locoid Cream, Lipocream, Lotion, Ointment, Solution 0.1% (hydrocortisone butyrate)
Apexicon E Cream 0.05% (diflorasone diacetate)	Luxiq Foam 0.12% (betamethasone valerate)
Ala Scalp Lotion 2% (hydrocortisone)	Micort-HC Cream 2.5% (hydrocortisone acetate)
Capex Shampoo 0.01% (fluocinolone acetonide)	Nolix Cream, Lotion 0.05% (flurandrenolide)
Cloderm* Cream 0.10% (clocortolone pivalate)	Olux Foam 0.05% Olux E Emulsion Foam 0.05% (clobetasol propionate)
Clobex Lotion, Shampoo, Spray 0.05% Clodan Shampoo 0.05% (clobetasol propionate)	Pandel Cream 0.1% (hydrocortisone probutate)
Cordran Cream 0.025% Cordran Cream, Lotion, Ointment 0.05% Cordran Tape 4mcg (flurandrenolide)	Psorcon Cream, Ointment 0.05% (diflorasone)
Cormax Solution 0.05% (clobetasol propionate)	Sernivo Spray 0.05% (betamethasone dipropionate)
Cutivate Cream, Lotion 0.05% Cutivate Ointment 0.005% (fluticasone propionate)	Synalar Cream, Ointment, Solution 0.01% Synalar Cream, Ointment 0.025% (fluocinolone acetonide)

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Cyclocort Cream, lotion, Ointment 0.1% (amcinonide)	Temovate-E Cream 0.05% Temovate Cream, Gel, Ointment, Solution 0.05% (clobetasol propionate)
Derma-smooth /FS body oil 0.01% Derma-smooth /FS scalp oil 0.01% (fluocinolone acetonide)	Texacort Solution 2.5% (hydrocortisone)
Dermatop Cream, Ointment 0.1% (prednicarbate)	Topicort Cream, Gel, Ointment*, Spray 0.05% 0.25% (desoximetasone)
Desonate Gel 0.05% Desonide Cream Lotion, Ointment 0.05% Desowen Lotion 0.05% (desonide)	Triamcinolone Cream, Lotion, Ointment, Spray 0.025%, 0.05%, 0.1%, 0.5% Triderm Cream 0.1%, 0.5% Kenalog aerosol spray 0.147 mg/ml (triamcinolone acetonide)
Diprosone Cream, Lotion, Ointment 0.05% Diprolene AF Cream, Gel, Lotion, Ointment 0.05% (betamethasone dipropionate)	Tridesilon Cream 0.05% Verdeso Foam 0.05% (desonide)
Elocon Cream, Ointment, Solution 0.1% (mometasone furoate)	Trianex* Ointment 0.05% (triamcinolone acetonide)
Halog Cream, Ointment, Solution 0.1% (halcinonide)	Ultravate Cream, Lotion, Ointment 0.05% (halobetasol propionate)
Hydrocortisone Cream, Lotion, Ointment 1%, 2.5%	Wescort Cream, Ointment 0.2% (hydrocortisone valerate)
Impeklo Lotion 0.05% (clobetasol propionate)	Valisone Cream, Lotion, Ointment 0.01% (betamethasone valerate)
Impoyz Cream 0.025% (clobetasol propionate)	Vanos* Cream 0.1% (fluocinonide)
Lidex E Cream 0.05% Lidex Gel, Ointment, Solution, Cream 0.05% (fluocinonide)	Verdeso Foam 0.05% (desonide)

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\*Prior authorization for certain non-covered formulations applies only to formulary exceptions

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## Background

The intent of the criteria is to provide coverage consistent with product labeling, FDA guidance, standards of medical practice, evidence-based drug information, and/or published guidelines. Pharmacy topical products have the potential for misuse. Misuse of these topical products not just over the face but also for any skin problem is quite common. It is very important to inform patients about the possible complications of these drugs and the extent of the problem because of irrational use of these drugs. The criteria was created in order to limit existing patients that have been taking doses above the FDA recommended limits and get them down to appropriate levels. This criteria is also intended to help prevent use of topical corticosteroids in topical foot baths (1-65).

## Regulatory Status

FDA-approved indications: (1-65)

1. Alclometasone dipropionate, amcinonide, betamethasone dipropionate, betamethasone valerate, clobetasol propionate, clocortolone pivalate, desonide, desoximetasone, diflorasone diacetate, fluocinolone acetonide, fluocinonide, flurandrenolide, fluticasone propionate, halcinonide, halobetasol propionate, hydrocortisone, hydrocortisone acetate, hydrocortisone butyrate, hydrocortisone probutate, hydrocortisone valerate, mometasone furoate, prednicarbate, triamcinolone acetonide are indicated for the relief of the inflammatory and pruritic manifestations of corticosteroid-responsive dermatoses.
2. Clobetasol Propionate Emollient Base Cream, Clobex Shampoo, Clobex Lotion, Clobex Spray, Derma-Smooth/FS (Scalp) Oil, Impoyz Cream, Olux Foam, Sernivo Spray, Topicort Spray, Ultravate Lotion are indicated for the treatment of psoriasis.
3. Cutivate Lotion, Derma-Smooth/FS (Body) Oil, Desonate Gel, Locoid Lipocream, Locoid Lotion, Verdeso Foam are indicated for the treatment of atopic dermatitis.
4. Capex Shampoo, Locoid Solution are indicated for the relief of the inflammatory and pruritic manifestations of seborrheic dermatitis.

The Pre-Prior Authorization (Pre-PA) allowance quantity limit for all topical corticosteroids (TCS) is based on the average American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) estimation for twice daily dosing over 9% body surface area (BSA) for acute treatment and for maintenance therapy,

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taking into consideration the available package sizes across the TCS class. The three month limit will be 460gm or 460mL per month, which is 3 times the one month limit (59-61). If the quantity requested exceeds the Pre-PA quantity limit, the claim will reject with a message indicating that a prior authorization is required.

The Prior-Authorization (PA) quantity limit for all topical corticosteroids (TCS) will be 240gm or 240mL per month which is based on the average AAD estimation for up to 18% BSA for acute treatment and for maintenance therapy, or for more frequent dosing (up to four times daily) or longer duration of treatment, taking into consideration the available package sizes. The three month limit will be 720gm or 720mL (59-61).

No universal standard exists for quantity of application, although suggested methods include use of the adult fingertip unit (the amount from the distal interphalangeal joint to the fingertip, or approximately 0.5 grams (gm), being applied over an area equal to 2 adult palms), following the rule of 9's that measures the percent affected area, and use of charts that propose amounts based on patient age and body site (59-61).

In adults, the rule of nines is used as a rough indicator of % BSA. Palmar hand surface is approximately 1% BSA (59-61):

Anatomic Surface	% of Body Surface
head and neck	9%
anterior trunk	18%
posterior trunk	18%
arms, including hands	9% each
legs, including feet	18% each
genitalia	1%

**Quantity for 1% BSA, suggested AAD estimation:**

- Grams per application:
  - 0.5gm per application over 2 palms (1% BSA per palm) = 0.25gm per application over 1% BSA
- Applications per month:
  - For a month supply, at 2 weeks acute daily treatment (14 days) and maintenance twice weekly (or gradual reduction) (6 days) therapy at 2 applications per day = (14+6) days x 2 per day = 40 applications per month
- Grams per month for 1% BSA:

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- At 0.25gm per application over 1% BSA x 40 applications per month = 0.25gm x 40 = 10gm per 1% BSA per month

Since manufacturer package sizes may vary, it is the discretion of the dispensing pharmacy to fill quantities up to these quantity limits. In such cases the filling limit and day supply may be less than what is indicated. For example, Pandel is available as an 80gm tube, the initial limit is set at 460gm as a 90 day supply, therefore if dispensed as 240gm this may be considered less than a 90 day supply (59-65).

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## Related policies

### Policy

*This policy statement applies to clinical review performed for pre-service (Prior Approval, Precertification, Advanced Benefit Determination, etc.) and/or post-service claims.*

The topical products included in this policy may be considered **medically necessary** if the conditions indicated below are met.

The topical products included in this policy may be considered **investigational** for all other indications.

## Prior-Approval Requirements

### Diagnosis

Patient must have the following:

1. FDA-approved indication supporting the use of topical product
2. Requested medication is **NOT** being used in a footbath

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## Prior – Approval Renewal Requirements

Same as above

### Policy Guidelines

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## Pre - PA Allowance

### Quantity

*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT	
ALCLOMETASONE DIPROPIONATE	ALCLOMETASONE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Low to Medium	460	
	ALCLOMETASONE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Low to Medium		
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT	
AMCINONIDE	AMCINONIDE CREAM	0.1%	GM	High	460	
	AMCINONIDE LOTION	0.1%	ML	High		
	AMCINONIDE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	High		
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT	
BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE	SERNIVO SPRAY	0.05%	ML	Medium	460	
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Medium		
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE LOTION	0.05%	ML	Medium		
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	DIPROLENE AF AUGMENTED CREAM	0.05%	GM	High		
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE AUGMENTED CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	BETAMETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE AUGMENTED GEL	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	BETAMETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE AUGMENTED LOTION	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	DIPROLENE AUGMENTED OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE AUGMENTED OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT	

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<b>BETAMETHASONE VALERATE</b>	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium	460	
	LUXIQ AEROSOL FOAM	0.12%	GM	Medium		
	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE AEROSOL FOAM	0.12%	GM			
	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE LOTION	0.1%	ML	Medium		
	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
<b>CLOBETASOL PROPIONATE</b>	CLOBEX SPRAY	0.05%	ML	Very high	460	
	CLOBETASOL SPRAY	0.05%	ML			
	CLOBETASOL SOLUTION	0.05%	ML	High		
	CORMAX SOLUTION	0.05%	ML			
	TEMOVATE SOLUTION	0.05%	ML	High		
	IMPOYZ CREAM	0.025%	GM			
	TEMOVATE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	OLUX AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	GM			
	CLOBETASOL GEL	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBEX LOTION	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL LOTION	0.05%	ML			
	TEMOVATE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
	CLOBEX SHAMPOO	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	CLODAN SHAMPOO	0.05%	ML			
	CLOBETASOL E EMOLlient CREAM	0.05%	GM	Very high		

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	OLUX-E AEROSOL EMULSION FOAM	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL AEROSOL EMULSION FOAM	0.05%	GM			
	IMPEKLO LOTION	0.05%	GM	Very high		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
CLOCORTOLONE PIVALATE	CLODERM CREAM	0.10%	GM	Medium	None	
	CLOCORTOLONE CREAM	0.10%	GM	Medium	460	
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
DESONIDE	DESOWEN CREAM	0.05%	GM	Low to Medium	460	
	DESONIDE CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	TRIDESILON CREAM	0.05%	GM	Low		
	DESONIDE CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	VERDESO AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	GM	Low		
	DESONATE GEL	0.05%	GM	Low		
	DESOWEN LOTION	0.05%	ML	Low to Medium		
	DESONIDE LOTION	0.05%	ML			
	DESONIDE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Low		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
DESOXIMETASONE	TOPICORT SPRAY	0.25%	ML	High to Very high	460	
	DESOXIMETASONE SPRAY	0.25%	ML			
	TOPICORT CREAM	0.05%	GM	Medium		
	DESOXIMETASONE CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	TOPICORT CREAM	0.25%	GM	High		
	DESOXIMETASONE CREAM	0.25%	GM			
	TOPICORT GEL	0.05%	GM	High		

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	DESOXIMETASONE GEL	0.05%	GM		High	460		
	TOPICORT OINTMENT	0.05%	GM					
	DESOXIMETASONE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM					
	DESOXIMETASONE OINTMENT	0.25%	GM					
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT			
DIFLORASONE DIACETATE	PSORCON CREAM	0.05%	GM	High	460	460		
	DIFLORASONE CREAM	0.05%	GM					
	DIFLORASONE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high				
	APEXICON E CREAM	0.05%	GM	High				
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT			
FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE	DERMA-SMOOTH /FS BODY OIL	0.01%	ML	Low to Medium	460	460		
	FLUOCINOLONE BODY OIL	0.01%	ML					
	DERMA-SMOOTH /FS SCALP OIL	0.01%	ML	Low to Medium				
	FLUOCINOLONE SCALP OIL	0.01%	ML					
	SYNALAR SOLUTION	0.01%	ML	Low				
	FLUOCINOLONE SOLUTION	0.01%	ML					
	FLUOCINOLONE CREAM	0.01%	GM	Low				
	SYNALAR CREAM	0.025%	GM	Medium				
	FLUOCINOLONE CREAM	0.025%	GM					
	SYNALAR OINTMENT	0.025%	GM	Medium				
	FLUOCINOLONE OINTMENT	0.025%	GM					
	CAPEX SHAMPOO	0.01%	ML	Low to Medium				
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT			
	FLUOCINONIDE SOLUTION	0.05%	ML	High				

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<b>FLUOCINONIDE</b>	FLUOCINONIDE CREAM	0.05%	GM	High	460	
	FLUOCINONIDE GEL	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLUOCINONIDE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLUOCINONIDE-E EMULSIFIED CREAM	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLUOCINONIDE CREAM	0.1%	GM	Very high		
	VANOS CREAM	0.1%	GM	Very high		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
<b>FLURANDRENOLIDE</b>	CORDRAN CREAM	0.025%	GM	High	460	
	CORDRAN CREAM	0.05%	GM	High		
	NOLIX CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	CORDRAN LOTION	0.05%	ML	High		
	NOLIX LOTION	0.05%	ML			
	CORDRAN OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLURANDRENOLIDE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
<b>FLURANDRENOLIDE</b>	CORDRAN TAPE	4 MCG	EA	High	2 Rolls	
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
<b>FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE</b>	FLUTICASONE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Medium	460	
	CUTIVATE LOTION	0.05%	ML	Medium		
	FLUTICASONE LOTION	0.05%	ML			
	FLUTICASONE OINTMENT	0.005%	GM	Medium		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
<b>HALCINONIDE</b>	HALOG CREAM	0.1%	GM	High	460	
	HALOG OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	High		

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	HALOG SOLUTION	0.1%	ML	High		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
HALOBETASOL PROPIONATE	ULTRAVATE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Very high	460	
	HALOBETASOL CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	ULTRAVATE LOTION	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	ULTRAVATE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	HALOBETASOL OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
HYDROCORTISONE	TEXACORT SOLUTION	2.5%	ML	Low	460	
	HYDROCORTISONE CREAM	1%	GM	Low		
	HYDROCORTISONE CREAM	2.5%	GM	Low		
	ALA SCALP LOTION	2%	ML	Low		
	HYDROCORTISONE LOTION	2.5%	ML	Low		
	HYDROCORTISONE OINTMENT	1%	GM	Low		
	HYDROCORTISONE OINTMENT	2.5%	GM	Low		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
HYDROCORTISONE ACETATE	MICORT-HC CREAM	2.5%	GM	Low	460	
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
HYDROCORTISONE VALERATE	HYDROCORTISONE VALERATE CREAM	0.2%	GM	Medium	460	
	WESTCORT OINTMENT	0.2%	GM	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE VALERATE OINTMENT	0.2%	GM			
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	
HYDROCORTISONE PROBUTATE	PANDEL CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium	460	
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>3 MONTH LIMIT</b>	

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HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE	LOCOID SOLUTION	0.1%	ML	Medium	460	
	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE SOLUTION	0.10%	ML			
	LOCOID CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE CREAM	0.1%	GM			
	LOCOID LOTION	0.1%	ML	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE LOTION	0.1%	ML			
	LOCOID OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM			
	LOCOID HYDROPHILIC LIPOCREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE HYDROPHILIC LIPOCREAM	0.10%	GM			
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT	
MOMETASONE FUROATE	MOMETASONE SOLUTION	0.1%	ML	Medium	460	
	ELOCON CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	MOMETASONE CREAM	0.1%	GM			
	ELOCON OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	MOMETASONE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM			
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT	
PREDNICARBATE	PREDNICARBATE CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium	460	
	DERMATOP OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	PREDNICARBATE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM			
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	3 MONTH LIMIT	
TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE	KENALOG AEROSOL SPRAY	SPRAY	GM	High	460	
	TRIAMCINOLONE AEROSOL SPRAY	SPRAY	GM			
	TRIAMCINOLONE CREAM	0.025%	GM	Medium		

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	TRIAMCINOLONE CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium	
	TRIAMCINOLONE CREAM	0.5%	GM	High	
	TRIAMCINOLONE LOTION	0.025%	ML	Medium	
	TRIAMCINOLONE LOTION	0.1%	ML	Medium	
	TRIAMCINOLONE OINTMENT	0.025%	GM	Medium	
	TRIAMCINOLONE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium	
	TRIAMCINOLONE OINTMENT	0.5%	GM	High	
	TRIANEX OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Medium	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pre-PA quantity limit allows for the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) recommended dosage.</li> <li>➤ Patients are allowed Pre-PA for each *ingredient listed above (apart from noted exceptions).</li> <li>➤ If the quantity requested exceeds the Pre-PA quantity limits, the claim will reject with a message indicating that a prior authorization is required.</li> </ul>					

## Prior - Approval Limits

### Quantity

*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days
ALCLOMETASONE DIPROPIONATE	ALCLOMETASONE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Low to Medium	720
	ALCLOMETASONE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Low to Medium	
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days
AMCINONIDE	AMCINONIDE CREAM	0.1%	GM	High	720
	AMCINONIDE LOTION	0.1%	ML	High	
	AMCINONIDE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	High	
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days
BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE	SERNIVO SPRAY	0.05%	ML	Medium	720
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE	0.05%	GM	Medium	

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	CREAM					
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE LOTION	0.05%	ML	Medium		
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	DIPROLENE AF AUGMENTED CREAM	0.05%	GM	High		
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE AUGMENTED CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	BETAMETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE AUGMENTED GEL	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	BETAMETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE AUGMENTED LOTION	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	DIPROLENE AUGMENTED OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE AUGMENTED OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
BETAMETHASONE VALERATE	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium	720	
	LUXIQ AEROSOL FOAM	0.12%	GM	Medium		
	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE AEROSOL FOAM	0.12%	GM			
	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE LOTION	0.1%	ML	Medium		
	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
CLOBETASOL PROPIONATE	CLOBEX SPRAY	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL SPRAY	0.05%	ML			
	CLOBETASOL SOLUTION	0.05%	ML	High		
	CORMAX SOLUTION	0.05%	ML			
	TEMOVATE SOLUTION	0.05%	ML			

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	IMPOYZ CREAM	0.025%	GM	High	720	
	TEMOVATE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	OLUX AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	GM			
	CLOBETASOL GEL	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBEX LOTION	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL LOTION	0.05%	ML			
	TEMOVATE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
	CLOBEX SHAMPOO	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	CLODAN SHAMPOO	0.05%	ML			
	CLOBETASOL E EMOLlient CREAM	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	OLUX-E AEROSOL EMULSION FOAM	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	CLOBETASOL AEROSOL EMULSION FOAM	0.05%	GM			
	IMPEKLO LOTION	0.05%	GM	Very high		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
CLOCORTOLONE PIVALATE	CLODERM CREAM	0.10%	GM	Medium	720	
	CLOCORTOLONE CREAM	0.10%	GM			
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
DESONIDE	DESOWEN CREAM	0.05%	GM	Low to Medium		
	DESONIDE CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	TRIDESILON CREAM	0.05%	GM	Low		
	DESONIDE CREAM	0.05%	GM			

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	VERDESO AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	GM	Low	720	
	DESONATE GEL	0.05%	GM	Low		
	DESOWEN LOTION	0.05%	ML	Low to Medium		
	DESONIDE LOTION	0.05%	ML			
	DESONIDE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Low		
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
DESOXIMETASONE	TOPICORT SPRAY	0.25%	ML	High to very high	720	
	DESOXIMETASONE SPRAY	0.25%	ML			
	TOPICORT CREAM	0.05%	GM	Medium		
	DESOXIMETASONE CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	TOPICORT CREAM	0.25%	GM	High		
	DESOXIMETASONE CREAM	0.25%	GM			
	TOPICORT GEL	0.05%	GM	High		
	DESOXIMETASONE GEL	0.05%	GM			
	TOPICORT OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	High		
	DESOXIMETASONE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
	TOPICORT OINTMENT	0.25%	GM	High		
	DESOXIMETASONE OINTMENT	0.25%	GM			
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
DIFLORASONE DIACETATE	PSORCON CREAM	0.05%	GM	High	720	
	DIFLORASONE CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	DIFLORASONE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	APEXICON E CREAM	0.05%	GM	High		
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	

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FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE	DERMA-SMOOTH /FS BODY OIL	0.01%	ML	Low to medium	720	
	FLUOCINOLONE BODY OIL	0.01%	ML			
	DERMA-SMOOTH /FS SCALP OIL	0.01%	ML	Low to medium		
	FLUOCINOLONE SCALP OIL	0.01%	ML			
	SYNALAR SOLUTION	0.01%	ML	Low		
	FLUOCINOLONE SOLUTION	0.01%	ML			
	FLUOCINOLONE CREAM	0.01%	GM	Low		
	SYNALAR CREAM	0.025%	GM	Medium		
	FLUOCINOLONE CREAM	0.025%	GM			
	SYNALAR OINTMENT	0.025%	GM	Medium		
	FLUOCINOLONE OINTMENT	0.025%	GM			
	CAPEX SHAMPOO	0.01%	ML	Low to Medium		
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
FLUOCINONIDE	FLUOCINONIDE SOLUTION	0.05%	ML	High	720	
	FLUOCINONIDE CREAM	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLUOCINONIDE GEL	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLUOCINONIDE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLUOCINONIDE-E EMULSIFIED CREAM	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLUOCINONIDE CREAM	0.1%	GM	Very high		
	VANOS CREAM	0.1%	GM	Very high	Refer to the Formulary Exception Table Below	
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
FLURANDRENOLIDE	CORDRAN CREAM	0.025%	GM	High	720	
	CORDRAN CREAM	0.05%	GM	High		
	NOLIX CREAM	0.05%	GM			

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	CORDRAN LOTION	0.05%	ML	High		
	NOLIX LOTION	0.05%	ML			
	CORDRAN OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	High		
	FLURANDRENOLIDE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
FLURANDRENOLIDE	CORDRAN TAPE	4 MCG	EA	High	4 Rolls	
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	FLUTICASONE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Medium	720	
	CUTIVATE LOTION	0.05%	ML	Medium		
	FLUTICASONE LOTION	0.05%	ML			
	FLUTICASONE OINTMENT	0.005%	GM	Medium		
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
HALCINONIDE	HALOG CREAM	0.1%	GM	High	720	
	HALOG OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	High		
	HALOG SOLUTION	0.1%	ML	High		
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
HALOBETASOL PROPIONATE	ULTRAVATE CREAM	0.05%	GM	Very high	720	
	HALOBETASOL CREAM	0.05%	GM			
	ULTRAVATE LOTION	0.05%	ML	Very high		
	ULTRAVATE OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Very high		
	HALOBETASOL OINTMENT	0.05%	GM			
*Ingredient	Product Name	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days	
HYDROCORTISONE	TEXACORT SOLUTION	2.5%	ML	Low	720	
	HYDROCORTISONE CREAM	1%	GM	Low		

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	HYDROCORTISONE CREAM	2.5%	GM	Low		
	ALA SCALP LOTION	2%	ML	Low		
	HYDROCORTISONE LOTION	2.5%	ML	Low		
	HYDROCORTISONE OINTMENT	1%	GM	Low		
	HYDROCORTISONE OINTMENT	2.5%	GM	Low		
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
HYDROCORTISONE ACETATE	MICORT-HC CREAM	2.5%	GM	Low	720	
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
HYDROCORTISONE VALERATE	HYDROCORTISONE VALERATE CREAM	0.2%	GM	Medium	720	
	WESTCORT OINTMENT	0.2%	GM	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE VALERATE OINTMENT	0.2%	GM			
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
HYDROCORTISONE PROBUTATE	PANDEL CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium	720	
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE	LOCOID SOLUTION	0.1%	ML	Medium	720	
	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE SOLUTION	0.10%	ML			
	LOCOID CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE CREAM	0.1%	GM			
	LOCOID LOTION	0.1%	ML	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE LOTION	0.1%	ML			
	LOCOID OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM			
	LOCOID HYDROPHILIC LIPOCREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium		

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	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE HYDROPHILIC LIPOCREAM	0.10%	GM			
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
MOMETASONE EUROATE	MOMETASONE SOLUTION	0.1%	ML	Medium	720	
	ELOCON CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	MOMETASONE CREAM	0.1%	GM			
	ELOCON OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	MOMETASONE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM			
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
PREDNICARBATE	PREDNICARBATE CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium	720	
	DERMATOP OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	PREDNICARBATE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM			
<b>*Ingredient</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Potency</b>	<b>Quantity per 90 Days</b>	
TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE	KENALOG AEROSOL SPRAY	SPRAY	GM	High	720	
	TRIAMCINOLONE AEROSOL SPRAY	SPRAY	GM			
	TRIAMCINOLONE CREAM	0.025%	GM	Medium		
	TRIAMCINOLONE CREAM	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	TRIAMCINOLONE CREAM	0.5%	GM	High		
	TRIAMCINOLONE LOTION	0.025%	ML	Medium		
	TRIAMCINOLONE LOTION	0.1%	ML	Medium		
	TRIAMCINOLONE OINTMENT	0.025%	GM	Medium		
	TRIAMCINOLONE OINTMENT	0.1%	GM	Medium		
	TRIANEX OINTMENT	0.5%	GM	High		
➤ The Prior-Approval quantity limit is based on average AAD estimation for up to 18% BSA. ➤ Eligible patients are allowed a PA for each requested *ingredient listed above.					Refer to the Formulary Exception Table Below	

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*Ingredient	Medication <u>with Approved Formulary Exception Only</u>	Strength	UOM	Potency	Quantity per 90 Days
CLOCORTOLONE	CLODERM CREAM	0.10%	GM	Medium	460
DESOXIMETASONE	TOPICORT OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	High	460
TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE	TRIANEX OINTMENT	0.05%	GM	Medium	460
FLUOCINONIDE	VANOS CREAM	0.1%	GM	Very high	460
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Prior-Approval quantity limit with <u>approved formulary exception</u> allows for the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) recommended dosage.</li> <li>➤ Eligible patients are allowed a PA for each requested *ingredient listed above.</li> </ul>					

**Duration** 6 months

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### Prior-Approval Renewal Limits

Same as above

#### Rationale

#### Summary

The criteria was created in order to limit existing patients that have been taking doses above the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) recommended limits and get them down to appropriate levels. This will help eliminate inappropriate use of these medications while still providing adequate relief to patients (1-65).

Prior authorization is required to ensure the safe, clinically appropriate, and cost-effective use of the topical products included in this policy while maintaining optimal therapeutic outcomes.

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### Policy History

Date	Action
December 2019	Addition to PA – QL established to limit foot bath use/waste
January 2020	Removed Duobrii, Bryhali, and Lexette from policy to add to Topical Products with Quantity Limits policy. Pre-PA quantity changed to 460/90 from 360/90
March 2020	Annual review
June 2020	Addition of Halog Solution
September 2020	Annual review
December 2020	Trianex and Vanos require formulary exception + PA
March 2021	Annual review
April 2021	Addition of Impeklo Lotion. Prior-authorization quantity limit increased to 720/90 from 460/90. Added requirement indicating it cannot be used in footbaths. Changed criteria to allow for renewals and changed approval duration to 6 months for both initiation and renewal
June 2021	Annual review
May 2022	Revised Pre-PA and PA quantity charts to allow patients to receive multiple corticosteroids up to the allowed limits
June 2022	Annual review. Removed fluocinonide 0.1% gel, ointment, and solution due to not being available in the market. Also removed halobetasol aerosol foam 0.05% as it is included in the Topical Products with Quantity Limits policy
September 2022	Annual review
September 2023	Annual review
September 2024	Annual review
September 2025	Annual review
December 2025	Annual review. Per FEP, brand Topicort ointment 0.25% and Cloderm Cream 0.1% require FE

### Keywords

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