Clinical Policy: Halobetasol Propionate Lotion 0.05% (Ultravate)
Reference Number: CP.PMN.180
Effective Date: 12.01.18
Last Review Date: 11.18
Line of Business: Commercial, Medicaid

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description
Halobetasol propionate lotion 0.05% (Ultravate®) is a corticosteroid.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Ultravate is indicated for the topical treatment of plaque psoriasis (PsO) in patients 18 years of age and older.

Policy/Criteria

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

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Ultravate is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria
   A. Plaque Psoriasis (must meet all):
      1. Diagnosis of PsO;
      2. Failure of generic halobetasol propionate and generic clobetasol propionate unless both are contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
      3. Dose does not exceed one bottle (60 mL) per week.

   Approval duration: 6 months

   B. Other diagnoses/indications
      1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy
   A. Plaque Psoriasis (must meet all):
      1. Currently receiving medication via a health plan affiliated with Centene Corporation or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
      2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
      3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one bottle (60 mL) per week.

   Approval duration: 12 months

   B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):
1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy. 
   **Approval duration:** Duration of request or 12 months (whichever is less); or

2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

### III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

### IV. Appendices/General Information

**Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key**

- FDA: Food and Drug Administration
- PsO: plaque psoriasis

**Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives**

*This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.*

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<th>Drug Name</th>
<th>Dosing Regimen</th>
<th>Dose Limit/Maximum Dose</th>
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<td>halobetasol propionate 0.05% cream/ointment (Ultravate)</td>
<td>Apply a thin layer to the affected skin QD to BID Treatment should be limited to two weeks.</td>
<td>50 g/week</td>
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<td>clobetasol propionate 0.05% cream/foam/gel/lotion/ointment/shampoo/spray (Clobex®, Olux-E®, Olux®)</td>
<td>Apply a thin layer to the affected skin BID Treatment for mild to moderate plaque psoriasis should be limited to 2 weeks; moderate to severe treatment up to 4 weeks.</td>
<td>50 g/week</td>
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*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*

**Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings**

None reported

### V. Dosage and Administration

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<td>Plaque Psoriasis</td>
<td>Topically apply a thin layer to the affected skin BID for up to two weeks</td>
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VI. Product Availability
Lotion 0.05%: 60 mL

VII. References

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<td>Policy created: adapted from previously approved policy CP.CPA.293 (retired); age requirement added; modified approval duration to 6 and 12 months; no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.</td>
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