



Dutasteride (Avodart) Medical Necessity Criteria

Background

Finasteride (Proscar, generics) is the formulary 5-alpha reductase inhibitor available for the treatment of benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH). Avodart is also a 5-alpha reductase inhibitor indicated only for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of BPH. **Avodart (dutasteride) is non-formulary, but available to most beneficiaries at a non-formulary cost share.** Finasteride (generic) is on the formulary and available at the generic cost share.

Uniform Formulary Status, Cost Shares, and Therapeutic Alternatives for 5-alpha Reductase Inhibitors *, **

Uniform Formulary Status	Medication	Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) (up to a 90 day supply)	TMOP (up to a 90 day supply)	Retail Network (up to a 30-day supply)
Non-Formulary (Tier 3)	Avodart	Not available**	Non-Formulary cost share applies	Non-Formulary cost share applies
Formulary (Tier 2)		\$0	Formulary (Brand) cost share applies	Formulary (Brand) cost share applies
Formulary (Tier 1)	Finasteride (generic)	\$0	Generic cost share applies	Generic cost share applies

* Active duty cost share always \$0 in all points of service for all three tiers; TRICARE does not cover non-formulary medications for active duty service members unless they are determined to be medically necessary.

** MTFs will be able to fill non-formulary requests for non-formulary medications only if both of the following conditions are met: 1) a MTF provider writes the prescription, and 2) medical necessity is established for the non-formulary medication. MTFs may (but are not required to) fill a prescription for a non-formulary medication written by a non-MTF provider to whom the patient was referred, as long as medical necessity has been established.

The following criteria were established by the DoD Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee.

Medical Necessity Criterion for Dutaseride (Avodart)

Coverage is approved if:

1. Use of finasteride is contraindicated (e.g., due to hypersensitivity).
2. The patient has experienced or is likely to experience significant adverse effects from finasteride

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