

**Texas Prior Authorization Program
Clinical Criteria**

Drug/Drug Class

Diclofenac 3% Gel, Diclofenac 1.5% and 2% Topical Solution

This criteria was recommended for review by an MCO to ensure appropriate and safe utilization

Clinical Information Included in this Document

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Revision Notes

Annual review by staff

Added GCN for imiquimod (31436) to Table 4

Updated references

**Diclofenac 3% Gel****Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization**

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Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization	
Label Name	GCN
DICLOFENAC SODIUM 3% GEL	86831

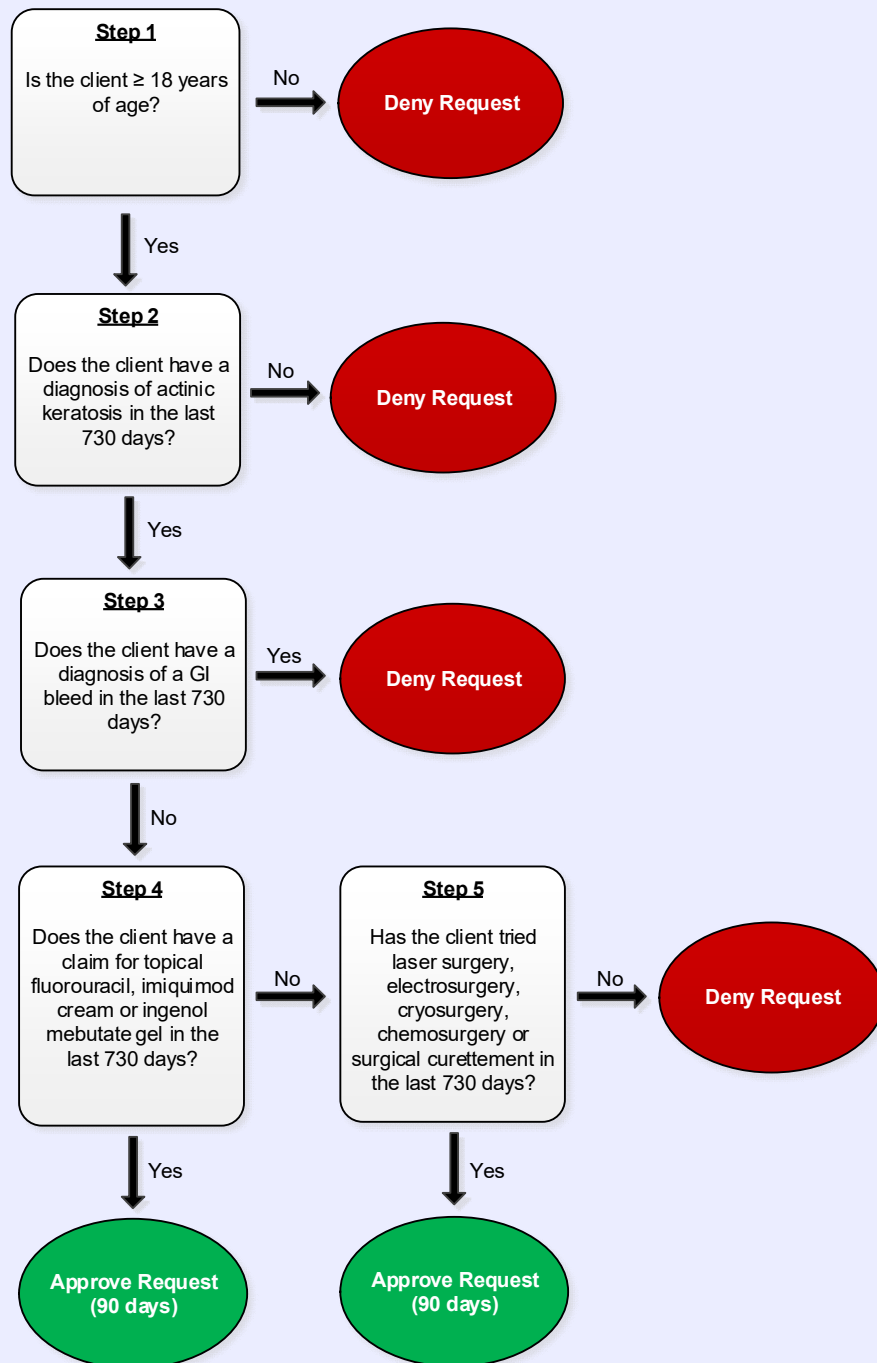
**Diclofenac 3% Gel****Clinical Criteria Logic**

1. Is the client greater than or equal to (\geq) 18 years of age?
 Yes (Go to #2)
 No (Deny)
2. Does the client have a **diagnosis of actinic keratosis** in the last 730 days?
 Yes (Go to #3)
 No (Deny)
3. Does the client have a history of a **GI bleed** in the last 730 days?
 Yes (Deny)
 No (Go to #4)
4. Does the client have a claim for **topical fluorouracil, imiquimod cream or ingenol mebutate gel** in the last 730 days?
 Yes (Approve – 90 days)
 No (Go to #5)
5. Has the client tried laser **surgery, electro-surgery, cryosurgery, chemosurgery or surgical curettement** in the last 730 days?
 Yes (Approve – 90 days)
 No (Deny)



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Clinical Criteria Logic Diagram





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Clinical Criteria Supporting Tables

Step 2 (diagnosis of actinic keratosis) Required diagnosis: 1 Look back timeframe: 730 days	
ICD-10 code	Description
L570	ACTINIC KERATOSIS

Step 3 (diagnosis of GI bleed) Required diagnosis: 1 Look back timeframe: 730 days	
ICD-10 code	Description
K250	ACUTE GASTRIC ULCER WITH HEMORRHAGE
K251	ACUTE GASTRIC ULCER WITH PERFORATION
K252	ACUTE GASTRIC ULCER WITH BOTH HEMORRHAGE AND PERFORATION
K253	ACUTE GASTRIC ULCER WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION
K254	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED GASTRIC ULCER WITH HEMORRHAGE
K255	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED GASTRIC ULCER WITH PERFORATION
K256	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED GASTRIC ULCER WITH BOTH HEMORRHAGE AND PERFORATION
K257	CHRONIC GASTRIC ULCER WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION
K259	GASTRIC ULCER, UNSPECIFIED AS ACUTE OR CHRONIC, WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION
K260	ACUTE DUODENAL ULCER WITH HEMORRHAGE
K261	ACUTE DUODENAL ULCER WITH PERFORATION
K262	ACUTE DUODENAL ULCER WITH BOTH HEMORRHAGE AND PERFORATION
K263	ACUTE DUODENAL ULCER WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION
K264	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED DUODENAL ULCER WITH HEMORRHAGE
K265	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED DUODENAL ULCER WITH PERFORATION
K266	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED DUODENAL ULCER WITH BOTH HEMORRHAGE AND PERFORATION
K267	CHRONIC DUODENAL ULCER WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION
K269	DUODENAL ULCER, UNSPECIFIED AS ACUTE OR CHRONIC, WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION

Step 3 (diagnosis of GI bleed)	
Required diagnosis: 1	
Look back timeframe: 730 days	
K270	ACUTE PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, WITH HEMORRHAGE
K271	ACUTE PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, WITH PERFORATION
K272	ACUTE PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, WITH BOTH HEMORRHAGE AND PERFORATION
K273	ACUTE PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION
K274	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, WITH HEMORRHAGE
K275	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, WITH PERFORATION
K276	CHRONIC OR UNSPECIFIED PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, WITH BOTH HEMORRHAGE AND PERFORATION
K277	CHRONIC PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION
K279	PEPTIC ULCER, SITE UNSPECIFIED, UNSPECIFIED AS ACUTE OR CHRONIC, WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE OR PERFORATION

Step 4 (claim for a topical fluorouracil, imiquimod cream or ingenol mebutate gel)	
Required claims: 1	
Look back timeframe: 730 days	
Label Name	GCN
EFUDEX 5% CREAM	30781
FLUOROURACIL 0.5% CREAM	12514
FLUOROURACIL 2% TOPICAL SOLN	30791
FLUOROURACIL 5% CREAM	30781
FLUOROURACIL 5% TOP SOLUTION	30792
IMIQUIMOD 3.75% CREAM PUMP	31436
IMIQUIMOD 5% CREAM PACKET	54201
PICATO 0.015% GEL	31302
PICATO 0.05% GEL	31303
TOLAK 4% CREAM	39576
ZYCLARA 3.75% CREAM	28216

Step 5 (CPT code for laser surgery, electrosurgery, cryosurgery, chemosurgery or surgical curettement)	
Required CPT code: 1	
Look back timeframe: 730 days	
CPT Code	Description
17000	DESTRUCTION (E.G., LASER SURGERY, ELECTROSURGERY, CRYOSURGERY, CHEMOSURGERY, SURGICAL CURETTEMENT), PREMALIGNANT LESIONS (E.G., ACTINIC KERATOSES); FIRST LESION
17003	DESTRUCTION (E.G., LASER SURGERY, ELECTROSURGERY, CRYOSURGERY, CHEMOSURGERY, SURGICAL CURETTEMENT), PREMALIGNANT LESIONS (E.G., ACTINIC KERATOSES); 2 THROUGH 14 LESIONS
17004	DESTRUCTION (E.G., LASER SURGERY, ELECTROSURGERY, CRYOSURGERY, CHEMOSURGERY, SURGICAL CURETTEMENT), PREMALIGNANT LESIONS (E.G., ACTINIC KERATOSES); 15 OR MORE LESIONS



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Label Name	GCN
DICLOFENAC 1.5% TOPICAL SOLUTION	19454
PENNSAID 2% PUMP	35936



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Clinical Criteria Logic

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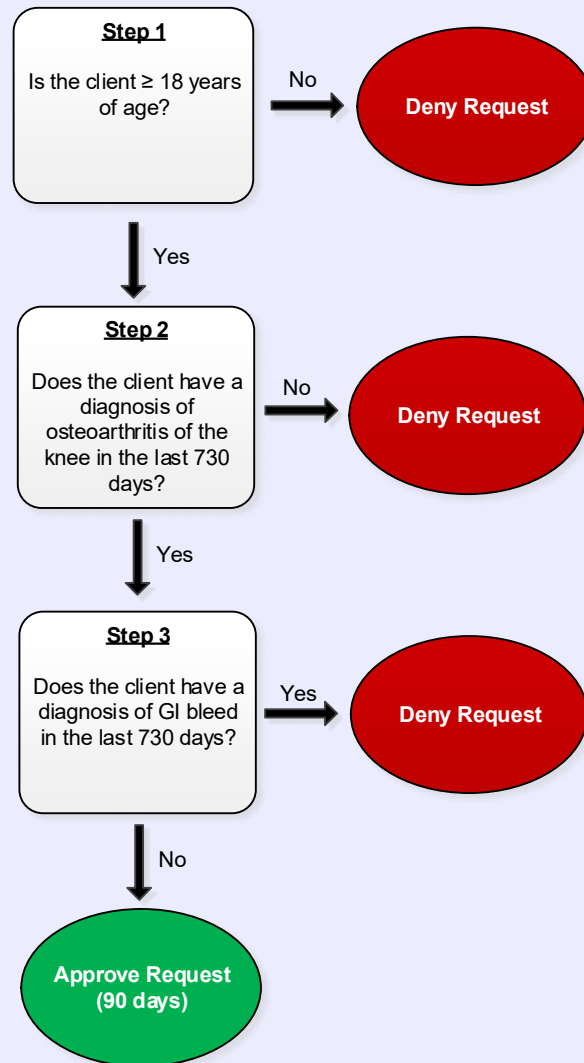
2. Does the client have a **diagnosis of osteoarthritis of the knee** in the last 730 days?
 Yes (Go to #3)
 No (Deny)

3. Does the client have a history of a **GI bleed** in the last 730 days?
 Yes (Deny)
 No (Approve – 90 days)



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Clinical Criteria Supporting Tables

Step 2 (diagnosis of osteoarthritis of the knee) Required diagnosis: 1 Look back timeframe: 730 days	
ICD-10 code	Description
M170	BILATERAL PRIMARY OSTEOARTHRITIS OF KNEE
M1710	UNILATERAL PRIMARY OSTEOARTHRITIS, UNSPECIFIED KNEE
M1711	UNILATERAL PRIMARY OSTEOARTHRITIS, RIGHT KNEE
M1712	UNILATERAL PRIMARY OSTEOARTHRITIS, LEFT KNEE
M172	BILATERAL POST-TRAUMATIC OSTEOARTHRITIS OF KNEE
M1730	UNILATERAL POST-TRAUMATIC OSTEOARTHRITIS, UNSPECIFIED KNEE
M1731	UNILATERAL POST-TRAUMATIC OSTEOARTHRITIS, RIGHT KNEE
M1732	UNILATERAL POST-TRAUMATIC OSTEOARTHRITIS, LEFT KNEE
M174	OTHER BILATERAL SECONDARY OSTEOARTHRITIS OF KNEE
M175	OTHER UNILATERAL SECONDARY OSTEOARTHRITIS OF KNEE
M179	OSTEOARTHRITIS OF KNEE, UNSPECIFIED

Step 3 (diagnosis of GI bleed) Required diagnosis: 1 Look back timeframe: 730 days

For the list of diagnoses that pertain to this step, see the [GI Bleed Diagnoses](#) table in the previous "Supporting Tables" section.

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04/15/2021	Annual review by staff Removed GCN for Solaraze 3% (86831) Updated References
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