

ALASKA MEDICAID
Prior Authorization Criteria

Veozah[®]
(fezolinetant)

FDA INDICATIONS AND USAGE¹

Veozah[®] is a neurokinin 3 (NK3) receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms due to menopause.

APPROVAL CRITERIA^{1,2,3,4}

1. Patient meets FDA labeled age **AND**;
2. Patient has a diagnosis of menopause with moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms **AND**;
3. Baseline liver function tests have been performed **AND**;
4. Prescriber attests that follow up liver function tests will be performed as outlined in FDA approved prescribing information **AND**;
5. Patient has tried and failed at least one agent from the following categories or has a contraindication to both of the following:
 - a. Hormone therapy (e.g. oral, transdermal, etc.)
 - b. Non-hormone therapy (e.g. venlafaxine, paroxetine, etc.)

DENIAL CRITERIA¹

1. Failure to meet approval criteria **OR**;
2. Patient has a diagnosis of cirrhosis **OR**;
3. Baseline total bilirubin, alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) levels are elevated ≥ 2 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) **OR**;
4. Patient has severe renal impairment or end-stage renal disease.

CAUTIONS¹

- Elevations in serum transaminase concentrations > 3 times the upper limit of normal have occurred.
- Use in combination with CYP1A2 inhibitors is not advised.

DURATION OF APPROVAL

- Initial Approval: up to 3 months
- Reauthorization Approval: up to 12 months

QUANTITY LIMIT

- 34 tablets for 34 days

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