

The most frequently  
prescribed triptan

# Imitrex®

## generic version now available

- Consider Imitrex (sumatriptan) first for members who require triptan therapy.
- Imitrex has similar safety and efficacy to other triptans<sup>1</sup>.
- Imitrex injection, nasal spray and tablets are available in generic versions.
- Members pay the lowest copayment for sumatriptan.

	Formulary Status	Step Therapy <sup>2</sup>	Typical Copay <sup>3</sup>	Quantity Limits per Prescription
Sumatriptan (Imitrex®)	Preferred (Tier 1)		\$10	Quantity limits apply and differ by drug and formulation
Rizatriptan (Maxalt®, MLT®)	Option (Tier 2)	✓	\$40	Quantity limits apply and differ by drug and formulation
Amerge®, Axert®, Frova®, Relpax®, Treximet®, Zomig®	Nonformulary <sup>4</sup> (Tier 3)	✓	\$60	Quantity limits apply and differ by drug and formulation

Reminder: Triptans should be reserved for acute migraine treatment and should not be used daily, because rebound headaches may occur.<sup>5</sup>

Coverage may not apply to Medicare Part D plans.

<sup>1</sup>Drugs for Migraine. *Treatment Guidelines from The Medical Letter*. 2008; 6:17-22.

<sup>2</sup>**Step therapy with brand-name triptans is required for new starts for all BCN members and may be required for some BCBSM members.**

<sup>3</sup>Based on the most common three-tier plan design.

<sup>4</sup>Nonformulary drugs may not be covered, depending on the member's drug rider.

<sup>5</sup>*Neurology*. 2002; 59:1011-1014.



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