



Fee-for Service PA Criteria

Drugs **Soma 250 mg tablet** (carisoprodol) [Medpointe]
Therapeutic Area **Muscle Relaxant**

Criteria

- Patients have tried at least tizanidine tablets and cyclobenzaprine without efficacy benefit
AND
- There is submitted clinical documentation of intolerance after taking other generically available forms of carisoprodol or carisoprodol/aspirin combination tablets
AND
- Patient has shown an efficacy response to carisoprodol 350mg
AND
- This drug is prescribed for only short term (2 to 3 weeks of use)
AND
- The prescriber is made aware of the price differential and that the recipient will have to pay a \$3 co-pay rather than a \$1 co-pay
AND
- Grandfathering criteria does not apply

Quantity limit of 84

FDA Approved Indication

The relief and discomfort associated with acute, painful musculoskeletal conditions in patients 16 years and older.

Treatment should be limited to periods of less than 2 or 3 weeks.

Soma was evaluated for the relief of acute, idiopathic mechanical low back pain in two, 7-day, double blind, randomized, multicenter, placebo controlled, US trials and found to be equal in efficacy to carisoprodol 350mg with a slightly smaller incidence of drowsiness.

Cost differential

Soma 250 mg, is about \$10.00 per day more expensive than carisoprodol 350 mg (\$0.12/tab) or carisoprodol/asa 200/325 (\$0.10/tab)