



### Fee-for Service PA Criteria

**Drug**                                    **Bactroban (mupirocin) 2% cream**  
**Bactroban (mupirocin) 2% Nasal ointment**  
**Therapeutic Area**                topical antibiotic

Preferred	Non preferred
mupirocin 2% ointment	Bactroban Cream (mupirocin 2%)
22 gram tubes	Bactroban Nasal Ointment (mupirocin 2%)

\* Generic mupirocin 2% ointment is available in 22 gram tubes.

**Criteria: Bactroban cream**

- Patient has a skin infection susceptible to mupirocin and which should be treated by a topical antibiotic.

AND

- Patient can not use mupirocin 2% ointment.

**Criteria: Bactroban (mupirocin) 2% Nasal ointment**

- Bactroban Nasal is being used as indicated for the eradication of nasal colonization with methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* in adult patients and health care workers as part of a comprehensive infection control program to reduce the risk of infection among patients at high risk of methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* infection during institutional outbreaks of infections with this pathogen. (FDA approved indication)

AND

- Patient can not otherwise use mupirocin 2% ointment.

**Rationale**

- Bactroban (mupirocin) 2% cream is more expensive than mupirocin ointment by about \$50 per prescription and there is no evidence to show that mupirocin 2% cream is more effective than mupirocin 2% ointment.
- Bactroban Nasal is a packaging convenience and is significantly more expensive than a 22 gram tube of mupirocin ointment. Bactroban Nasal is supplied in single-use 1.0-gram tubes packaged in cartons of 10. AWP is \$9.55 per single use tube or
- Mupirocin ointment 2% can be used in the same manner as the Nasal packaging: (Nasal directions: “A small amount of the ointment about the size of a match head is placed on the little finger and applied to the inside of each nostril. The nostrils are closed by pressing the side of the nose together; this will spread the ointment throughout the nares. A swab may be used for application to infants or patients who are very ill.”)