Fee-for Service PA Criteria

Drugs	Exforge (amlodipine/valsartan)	Exforge HCT (amlodipine/valsartan/HCTZ)
	5/160 mg	5/160/12.5 mg
	10/160 mg	5/160/25 mg
	5/360 mg	10/160 mg
	10/360 mg	10/160-25 mg
		10/320/-25 mg

FDA approved indication:
Exforge is indicated for the treatment of hypertension as initial or subsequent therapy.
Exforge HCT is indicated for the treatment of hypertension, not for initial therapy.

Criteria:

- Patient is being treated for hypertension

and

- The prescriber provides a medical rationale why the patient requires Exforge or Exforge HCT over single agent drugs of amlodipine (Norvasc) together with either valsartan (Diovan), or valsartan/HCTZ (Diovan HCT)

Other notes
Exforge is a combination of valsartan (Diovan) and amlodipine (Norvasc) and is considered more costly compared to generic and preferred ARB therapy pricing.
Amlodipine is a generic with a mac price of $0.10 to $0.20/tablet depending on strength.
Diovan and Diovan HCT are preferred on the MN Medicaid PDL and considered less costly ARB therapy.