1. **Background:**

Albenza is indicated for the treatment of parenchymal neurocysticercosis due to active lesions caused by larval forms of the pork tapeworm, *Taenia solium*. Albenza is also indicated for the treatment of cystic hydatid disease of the liver, lung, and peritoneum, caused by the larval form of the dog tapeworm, *Echinococcus granulosus*.

Emverm is indicated for the treatment of *Enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm), *Trichuris trichiura* (whipworm), *Ascaris lumbricoides* (common roundworm), *Ancylostoma duodenale* (common hookworm), and *Necator americanus* (American hookworm) in single or mixed infections.

Vermox is indicated for the treatment of patients one year of age and older with gastrointestinal infections caused by *Trichuris trichiura* (whipworm), and *Ascaris lumbricoides* (roundworm).

CDC guidelines recommend use in several other parasitic infections.

2. **Coverage Criteria**:

A. *Enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm)

1. **Albenza, Emverm or Vermox** will be approved based on all of the following:

   a. Diagnosis of *Enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm)

   **-AND-**

   b. History of failure, contraindication or intolerance to over-the-counter pyrantel pamoate

**Authorization will be issued for one month.**

B. *Taenia solium* (Neurocysticercosis)

1. **Albenza** will be approved based on the following criterion:

   a. Diagnosis of Neurocysticercosis
Authorization will be issued for six months.

C.  *Echinococcosis (Tapeworm)*

1.  *Albenza, Emverm or Vermox* will be approved based on the following criterion:
   
a.  Diagnosis of  *Hydatid Disease [Echinococcosis (Tapeworm)]*

Authorization will be issued for six months.

D.  *Ancylostoma/Necatoriasis (Hookworm)*

1.  *Albenza, Emverm or Vermox* will be approved based on the following criterion:
   
a.  Diagnosis of  *Ancylostoma/Necatoriasis (Hookworm)*

Authorization will be issued for one month.

E.  *Ascariasis (Roundworm)*

1.  *Albenza, Emverm or Vermox* will be approved based on the following criterion:
   
a.  Diagnosis of  *Ascariasis (Roundworm)*

Authorization will be issued for one month.

F.  *Mansonella perstans (Filariasis)*

1.  *Albenza, Emverm or Vermox* will be approved based on the following criterion:
   
a.  Diagnosis of  *Mansonella perstans (Filariasis)*

Authorization will be issued for one month.

G.  *Toxocariasis (Roundworm)*

1.  *Albenza, Emverm or Vermox* will be approved based on the following criterion:
   
a.  Diagnosis of  *Toxocariasis (Roundworm)*

Authorization will be issued for one month.

H.  *Trichinellosis*

1.  *Albenza, Emverm or Vermox* will be approved based on the following criterion:
   
a.  Diagnosis of  *Trichinellosis*

Authorization will be issued for one month.
I. Trichuriasis (Whipworm)

1. Albenza, Emverm or Vermox will be approved based on the following criterion:
   a. Diagnosis of Trichuriasis (Whipworm)

Authorization will be issued for one month.

J. Capillariasis

1. Albenza, Emverm, or Vermox will be approved based on the following criterion:
   a. Diagnosis of Capillariasis.

Authorization will be issued for one month.

a State mandates may apply. Any federal regulatory requirements and the member specific benefit plan coverage may also impact coverage criteria. Other policies and utilization management programs may apply.

3. Additional Clinical Rules:
   N/A

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