

I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and would like to easily treat patients who have eczema with Eucrisa. Currently, Medicaid has requirements for treatment failure of 2 mid to high potency steroids and a topical immunomodulator. Eczema is a chronic condition that flares, and often I see patients over-using steroid creams which should only be used short term. These creams can thin the skin which puts the patient at higher potential for relapse. Steroid creams also can cause hypopigmentation. And immunomodulators have black box warning, that I would prefer to not even trial for my patients. There is a new medication, called Eucrisa, a PDE4 inhibitor, which is Not a steroid and therefore is safer to use. There is no limitations on duration use for Eucrisa, so it is safer for patients to use at their discretion, compared to steroid creams. This medication can be used even on the face, which is not safe for mid to high potency steroids.

At this time, Eucrisa is the only PDE4 medication – which is non-steroidal- to treat eczema. Please consider adding Eucrisa to Medicaid's preferred medications list.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!