

## Clinical Policy: Olanzapine/Samidorphan (Lybalvi)

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### Description

Olanzapine/samidorphan (Lybalvi™) is combination of olanzapine, an atypical antipsychotic, and samidorphan, an opioid antagonist.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Lybalvi is indicated for the treatment of:

- Schizophrenia in adults
- Bipolar I disorder in adults
  - Acute treatment of manic or mixed episodes as monotherapy and as adjunct to lithium or valproate
  - Maintenance monotherapy treatment

### Policy/Criteria

*Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

Prescription claim should reject if an opiate claim is found in the past 60 days.:

### I. Initial Approval Criteria

1. **Deny if member meets any of the following criteria ( May use prescription claim history as well as INSPECT to validate).**
  - a. Use of opiate agonists (including buprenorphine) concurrently with olanzapine/samidorphan
  - b. Use of short-acting opiate agonists less than or equal to 7 days prior to initiating olanzapine/samidorphan therapy
  - c. Use of long-acting opiate agonists less than or equal to 14 days prior to initiating olanzapine/samidorphan therapy
2. ; Member must be over 18 years old
3. ;Quality limits:
  - a. Lybalvi 5-10mg 1 per day
  - b. Lybalvi 10-10mg 1 per day
  - c. Lybalvi 15-10mg 1 per day
  - d. Lybalvi 20-20mg 1 per day

**Approval duration: Enter a 1 time override for next 60 days.**



**II. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

BMI: body mass index

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

- Contraindication(s): patients using opioids, patients undergoing acute opioid withdrawal
- Boxed warning(s): increased mortality in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis

**III. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Schizophrenia	Initiate at 5 mg/10 mg or 10 mg/10 mg PO QD. The recommended dosage is 10 mg/10 mg, 15 mg/10 mg, or 20 mg/10 mg. Dosage may be adjusted at weekly intervals of 5 mg (based on the olanzapine component) depending upon clinical response and tolerability.	20 mg/10 mg/day
Bipolar I disorder	<p>Monotherapy: Initiate at 10 mg/10 mg or 15 mg/10 mg PO QD. The recommended dosage is 10 mg/10 mg, 15 mg/10 mg, or 20 mg/10 mg PO QD. Dosage adjustments should occur at intervals of not less than 24 hours. When dosage adjustments are necessary, dose increments/decrements of 5 mg (based on the olanzapine component) are recommended.</p> <p>Maintenance monotherapy: Administer at 5 mg/10 mg, 10 mg/10 mg, 15 mg/10 mg, or 20 mg/10 mg PO QD.</p> <p>Adjunctive to lithium or valproate: Initiate at 10 mg/10 mg PO QD. The recommended dosage is 10 mg/10 mg, 15 mg/10 mg or 20 mg/10 mg PO QD. Dosage may be adjusted at weekly intervals of 5 mg (based on the olanzapine component), depending upon clinical response and tolerability.</p>	20 mg/10 mg/day

**IV. Product Availability**

Tablets (olanzapine/samidorphane): 5 mg/10 mg, 10 mg/10 mg, 15 mg/10 mg, 20 mg/10 mg

**V. References**



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**Important Reminder**

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