



## Prior Authorization Approval Criteria

### Acanya (clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide topical gel)

<b>Generic name:</b>	Clindamycin 1.2% /benzoyl peroxide 2.5% topical gel
<b>Brand name:</b>	Acanya Gel
<b>Medication class:</b>	Topical anti-acne agent
<b>FDA-approved uses:</b>	Topical treatment of acne vulgaris
<b>Available dosage forms:</b>	Acanya gel is supplied as a kit containing benzoyl peroxide gel 2.5% (40 g) and clindamycin phosphate solution 1.2% (10 g)
<b>Usual dose:</b>	Applied once daily
<b>Approximate monthly cost:</b> (based on AWP 2009)	\$192.50
<b>Duration of therapy:</b>	12 weeks (use beyond this has not been evaluated)

**Criteria for use** (*bullet points below are all inclusive unless otherwise noted*):

- The indicated diagnosis (including any applicable labs and /or tests) and medication usage must be supported by documentation from the patient's medical records.
- Clinically diagnosed acne vulgaris
- Must be 12 years of age or older
- Failed topical clindamycin.
- Failed topical benzoyl peroxide alone.
- Failed/intolerant treatment with benzamycin.
- Intolerance to using clindamycin and benzoyl peroxide simultaneously.

**OR**

- Inability to use two separate medications.

**Contraindications:**

- The patient has a history of regional enteritis, ulcerative colitis, or antibiotic-associated colitis (contraindicated by the manufacturer).

**Not approved if:**

- The patient has any contraindications to the use of Acanya.
- The patient has not tried clindamycin and benzoyl peroxide as separate products.
- Patient was non-compliant using clindamycin and benzoyl peroxide as separate products simultaneously.
- Product is being used for convenience.

**Special considerations:**

- Benzaclin is benzoyl peroxide 5% and clindamycin 1%.
- Duac gel is benzoyl peroxide 5% and clindamycin 1%.
- Clindamycin gel 1% exists as a separate product.
- Benzoyl peroxide available in all different percent strengths including, but not limited to, 2.5%, 5%, and 10%.
- No studies have been done to show that Acanya is superior to clindamycin topical and benzoyl peroxide when used as separate products but applied at the same time.

FCHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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