

Texas Prior Authorization Program
Clinical Criteria

Drug/Drug Class

Nuedexta (Dextromethorphan/Quinidine)

This criteria was recommended for review by a MCO to ensure appropriate and safe utilization.

Clinical Criteria Information included in this Document

- [Drugs requiring prior authorization:](#) the list of drugs requiring prior authorization for this clinical criteria
- [Prior authorization criteria logic:](#) a description of how the prior authorization request will be evaluated against the clinical criteria rules
- [Logic diagram:](#) a visual depiction of the clinical criteria logic
- [Supporting tables:](#) a collection of information associated with the steps within the criteria (diagnosis codes, procedure codes, and therapy codes); provided when applicable
- [References:](#) clinical publications and sources relevant to this clinical criteria

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Revision Notes

Annual review by staff

Updated references

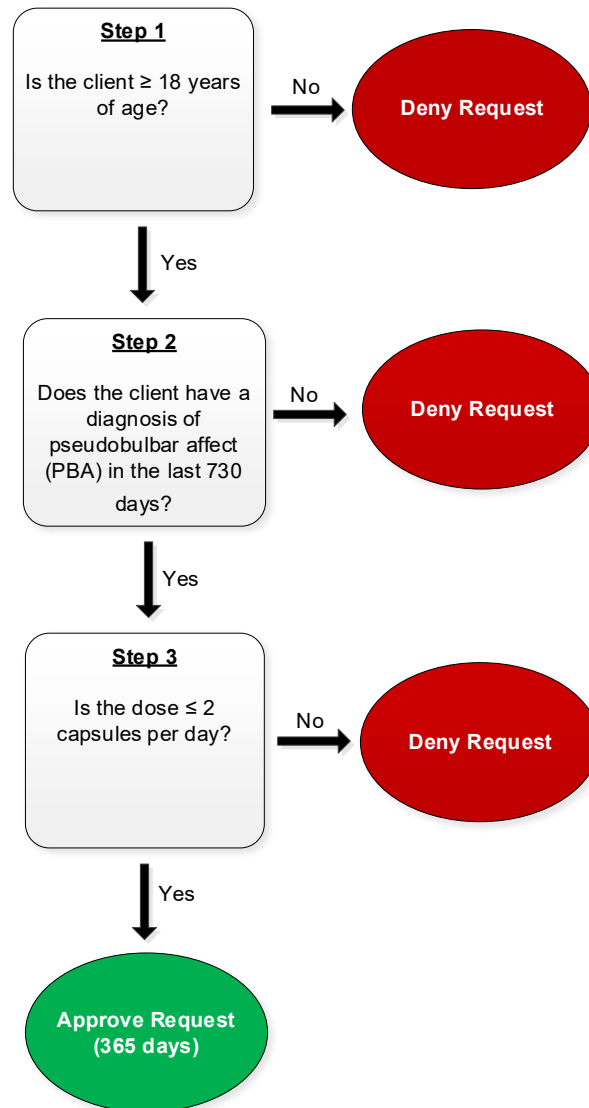
**Nuedexta (Dextromethorphan/Quinidine)****Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization**

The listed GCNs may not be an indication of Texas Medicaid Formulary coverage. To learn the current formulary coverage, visit txvendordrug.com/searches/formulary-drug-search.

| Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization | |
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| Label Name | GCN |
| NUEDEXTA 20-10MG CAPSULES | 29290 |

**Nuedexta (Dextromethorphan/Quinidine)****Clinical Criteria Logic**

1. Is the client greater than or equal to (\geq) 18 years of age?
☐ Yes – Go to #2
☐ No – Deny
2. Does the client have a [diagnosis of pseudobulbar affect \(PBA\)](#) in the last 730 days?
☐ Yes – Go to #3
☐ No – Deny
3. Is the requested dose less than or equal to (\leq) 2 capsules per day?
☐ Yes – Approve (365 days)
☐ No – Deny

**Nuedexta (Dextromethorphan/Quinidine)****Clinical Criteria Logic Diagram**

**Nuedexta (Dextromethorphan/Quinidine)****Clinical Criteria Supporting Tables**

| Table 2 (diagnosis of pseudobulbar affect) Required diagnosis: 1 Look back timeframe: 730 days | |
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| ICD-10 Code | Description |
| F482 | PSEUDOBULBAR AFFECT |

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