

## RX.PA.045.MPC Cubicin (daptomycin)

The purpose of this policy is to define the prior authorization process for Cubicin® (daptomycin)

Cubicin® (daptomycin) is indicated for the treatment of complicated skin and skin structure infections (cSSSI) in adult patients and pediatric patients (1 to 17 years of age). Cubicin® (daptomycin) is also indicated for the treatment of *Staphylococcus aureus* bloodstream infections (bacteremia) including those with right-sided infective endocarditis in adult patients.

### PROCEDURE

#### A. Initial Authorization Criteria:

##### 1. Complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infection (cSSSI):

- Adult and pediatric members (≥1 years old)  
AND
- Must have documentation of a diagnosis of a complicated skin and skin structure infection caused by susceptible isolates of the following Gram-positive bacteria:
  - *Staphylococcus aureus* (includes methicillin-resistant isolates)
  - *Streptococcus pyogenes*
  - *Streptococcus agalactiae*
  - *Streptococcus dysgalactiae* subsp. *Equisimilis*
  - *Enterococcus faecalis* (vancomycin-susceptible isolates only)
- AND
- Must have recent culture and sensitivity report to confirm susceptibility to Cubicin  
AND
- Trial and failure with IV Vancomycin and oral Linezolid or documented intolerance/contraindication to Vancomycin and Linezolid OR culture and sensitivity report that indicates resistance to Vancomycin and Linezolid

##### 2. Bacteremia and right-sided infective endocarditis:

- Adult and pediatric members (≥1 years old)  
AND
- Must have documentation of blood stream infection (bacteremia), including those with right-sided infected endocarditis, caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*:
  - Includes methicillin-susceptible and methicillin-resistant isolates
- AND
- Must have recent culture and sensitivity report to confirm susceptibility to Cubicin  
AND

- Trial and failure with IV Vancomycin and oral Linezolid or documented intolerance/contraindication to Vancomycin and Linezolid OR culture and sensitivity report that indicates resistance to Vancomycin and Linezolid

**B. Approved Dosing and Duration of Approval:**

- Complicated skin and skin structure:
  - Pediatric (1 year old): 10mg/kg/day
  - Pediatric (2-6 years old): 9mg/kg/day
  - Pediatric (7-11 years old): 7mg/kg/day
  - Pediatric (12-17 years old): 5mg/kg/day
  - Adult (18 years and older): 4mg/kg/day

**Duration of Approval: 14 days**

- Bacteremia and right-sided infective endocarditis (*Staphylococcus aureus*):
  - Pediatric (1-6 years old): 12mg/kg/day
  - Pediatric (7-11 years old): 9mg/kg/day
  - Pediatric (12-17 years old): 7mg/kg/day
  - Adult (18 years and older): 6mg/kg/day

**Duration of Approval: 42 days**

**C. Reauthorization Criteria:**

Not applicable – each occurrence requires a new prior authorization

**D. Cubicin will be considered investigational or experimental for any other use and will not be covered.**

**Limitations:**

Length of Authorization (if above criteria met)	
Initial Authorization	Complicated skin and skin structure infections: 14 days Bacteremia: 42 days Infective endocarditis: 42 days
Reauthorization	N/A

**Codes:**

Code	Description
J0878	Injection, daptomycin, 1 mg

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**REFERENCES**

1. Cubicin [package insert]. Madison, NJ: Allergan USA, Inc.; March 2017.

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