

Drug Name: Ranexa

Common Use: Treatment of angina

Coverage Requirement: A trial of one of the following medications prior to the use of brand-name Ranexa:

Calcium Channel Blocker (CCB) – examples include:

amlodipine* (generic for Norvasc)
diltiazam (generic for Cardizem)
verapamil (generic for Calan)

Beta Blocker (BB) – examples include:

atenolol (generic for Tenormin)
metoprolol (generic for Lopressor)
propranolol (generic for Inderal)

Nitrate – examples include:

isosorbide mononitrate (generic for Monoket)
Imdur
Isordil

*If your plan includes GenericSampleSM, the first 30-day fill of this medication will be free. GenericSample is only offered at participating retail pharmacies and is not available on HealthSaveSM plans or under the 90-day maintenance drug benefit.

Coverage Rationale: Ranexa is not recommended for the initial treatment of angina. Preferred therapy should be considered first.

*If your doctor would like an exception to step therapy, he or she may request preauthorization by calling SelectHealth Pharmacy Services at **801-442-4912** (Salt Lake area) or **800-442-3129** weekdays, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*