

Healthcare Provider Exceptions & Appeals Resource

Indications

SPRAVATO[®] (esketamine) CIII Nasal Spray is indicated for the treatment of:

- Treatment-resistant depression (TRD) in adults as monotherapy or in conjunction with an oral antidepressant.
- Depressive symptoms in adults with major depressive disorder (MDD) with acute suicidal ideation or behavior in conjunction with an oral antidepressant.

Limitations of Use:

- The effectiveness of SPRAVATO[®] in preventing suicide or in reducing suicidal ideation or behavior has not been demonstrated. Use of SPRAVATO[®] does not preclude the need for hospitalization if clinically warranted, even if patients experience improvement after an initial dose of SPRAVATO[®].
- SPRAVATO[®] is not approved as an anesthetic agent. The safety and effectiveness of SPRAVATO[®] as an anesthetic agent have not been established.

Important Safety Information

WARNING: SEDATION; DISSOCIATION; RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION; ABUSE AND MISUSE; and SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIORS

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning

- **Risk for sedation, dissociation, and respiratory depression after administration. Monitor patients for at least two hours after administration (5.1, 5.2, 5.3).**
- **Potential for abuse and misuse. Consider the risks and benefits of using SPRAVATO[®] prior to use in patients at higher risk of abuse. Monitor for signs and symptoms of abuse and misuse (5.4).**
- **SPRAVATO[®] is only available through a restricted program called the SPRAVATO[®] REMS (5.5).**
- **Increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in pediatric and young adult patients taking antidepressants. Closely monitor all antidepressant-treated patients for clinical worsening and emergence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors. SPRAVATO[®] is not approved for use in pediatric patients (5.6).**

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Introduction

Johnson & Johnson is pleased to provide educational information to support you through the process of securing access for your patient for SPRAVATO® (esketamine) Nasal Spray. This educational resource will provide you with an explanation of exceptions and appeals policies, along with samples of letters and forms you may use during the process.

Refer to the educational information and sample letters contained within this resource when completing the required coverage documentation. It is important to note that some health plans will have specific coverage authorization forms that must be used when requesting SPRAVATO®. These forms may be found on each plan's website. SPRAVATO withMe may also be able to obtain payer-required forms through the benefits investigation process. Be sure to follow the plan's requirements when requesting SPRAVATO®.

Contained within this resource, you will find:

- [Sample Letter of Medical Necessity](#)
- [Sample Letter to Request a Formulary Exception](#)
- [Sample Medicare Part D Optional Model Form](#)

You may also reach out to your Patient Access Specialist or representative from Johnson & Johnson for more information regarding these resources.

More information on SPRAVATO® access and reimbursement is also available through spravatotreatmentcenter.com.

Please see the contact information below.

Spravato withMe

Once a decision has been made to prescribe SPRAVATO®

SPRAVATO withMe offers a suite of support

SPRAVATO withMe can help you understand your patients' insurance coverage and prescription status to help minimize delays and denials, as well as understand affordability resources for your patients. Additionally, tailored 1-on-1 support from Care Navigators can help your patients along their treatment journey.

For questions or more information, call **1-844-4S-WITHME (1-844-479-4846)**, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM ET.

The patient support and resources provided by SPRAVATO withMe are not intended to give medical advice, replace a treatment plan from the patient's healthcare provider, offer services that would normally be performed by the provider's office, or serve as a reason to prescribe SPRAVATO®.

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Considerations for Developing a Letter of Medical Necessity

A Letter of Medical Necessity is used to support why you believe treatment of your patient with SPRAVATO® (esketamine) Nasal Spray is medically necessary. This template, available for download [here](#), contains examples of information that payers may require from a healthcare provider to request coverage of SPRAVATO®.

Check with the payer to confirm whether there are specific coverage requirements or information needed as part of the request. Below are some considerations for submitting a Letter of Medical Necessity:

- Check with the payer to see if there is a specific form to use
- Be as specific as possible regarding your request, including the need for treatment, diagnosis information, the specific treatment being requested, treatment start date, etc
- Submit the Letter of Medical Necessity on your practice letterhead
- Consider requesting that the payer provide a psychiatrist to review the patient's case
- For expedited requests, assemble adequate information to support the urgency of the request
- Include additional information with the Letter of Medical Necessity that may assist the payer with making an appropriate decision for the patient. Examples of documentation that may be sent with the Letter of Medical Necessity include:
 - Package insert
 - Relevant peer-reviewed articles (may be available upon request from Johnson & Johnson Medical Information)
 - Notes from the patient's medical record
 - Treatment history
 - Medication history
 - Relevant allergies or previous adverse reactions
 - Comorbidities
- Sign and date the Letter of Medical Necessity



Download an editable [Sample Letter of Medical Necessity](#) template [here](#).

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Sample Format: Letter of Medical Necessity

[Insert Physician Letterhead]

[Insert Name of Medical Director]

[Insert Payer Name]

[Insert Address]

[Insert City, State ZIP]

Member Name: [Insert Member Name]

Member Number: [Insert Member Number]

Group Number: [Insert Group Number]

REQUEST: Authorization for treatment with SPRAVATO® (esketamine) Nasal Spray

DIAGNOSIS: [Patient Diagnosis] [ICD-10 CM codes]

DOSE AND FREQUENCY: [Insert Dose & Frequency]

REQUEST TYPE: Standard EXPEDITED

Dear [Insert name of Medical Director or name of individual responsible for prior authorization] :

I am writing on behalf of our shared member, [Patient Name], to request that you approve coverage for SPRAVATO® (esketamine) as a medically necessary treatment for [Patient Name]'s [Patient's diagnosis].

This letter provides information about our shared member's medical history, diagnosis, and details regarding the medical necessity of the requested treatment with SPRAVATO®.

Summary of Patient's Diagnosis

[Insert patient's diagnosis/ICD-10 code(s), date of diagnosis, current condition, baseline scores (e.g., PHQ-9, MADRS)]

Summary of Patient's History

[Insert:

- Comprehensive list of previous pharmacological therapies/procedures, including dose and duration, and response to those interventions

History of previous pharmacological therapies	Reasons for discontinuation of previous therapies	Duration of previous therapies

- Description of patient's recent symptoms/condition
- Site of medical service—include appropriate site type: inpatient, hospital outpatient, outpatient clinic, private practice, or other
- Rationale for not using drugs that are on the plan's formulary
- Summary of your professional opinion of the patient's likely prognosis or disease progression without treatment with SPRAVATO®

Considerations for Developing an Exception Request

Consider using an exception request letter for payers that do not require a specific request form. An exception request may be necessary for SPRAVATO® (esketamine) Nasal Spray if it is not on formulary, if the plan requires a step through other treatments, or if it has a National Drug Code (NDC) block. This template, available for download [here](#), contains examples of information that payers may require to request an exception for SPRAVATO®.

Check with the payer to confirm whether there are specific requirements or information needed as part of the request. Below is some helpful information for submitting an exception request:

- Check with the payer to see if there is a specific form that should be used to request an exception
- Be as specific as possible regarding your request, including the need for treatment, why other alternatives on the formulary would not be appropriate for this patient, contraindications, warnings/precautions, and adverse events, if applicable, and the results of other treatments that the patient has tried, etc
- Submit the request on your practice letterhead
- Consider requesting that the payer provide a psychiatrist to review the patient's case
- Include additional information that may assist the payer with making an appropriate decision for the patient. Examples of documentation that may be sent with the exception request letter include:
 - Package Insert
 - Relevant peer-reviewed articles (may be available upon request from Johnson & Johnson Medical Information)
 - Notes from the patient's medical record
 - Treatment history
 - Medication overview
 - Relevant allergies or previous adverse reactions
 - Comorbidities
- Sign and date the exception letter
- Verify the time frame to make a decision on your request with the payer



Download an editable [Sample Exception Letter template here](#).

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Sample Format: Letter to Request a Formulary Exception

[Insert Physician Letterhead]

[Insert Name of Medical Director]

[Insert Payer Name]

[Insert Address]

[Insert City, State ZIP]

RE: Member Name: [Insert Member Name]

Member Number: [Insert Member Number]

Group Number: [Insert Group Number]

REQUEST: Authorization for treatment with SPRAVATO® (esketamine) Nasal Spray CIII

DIAGNOSIS: [Insert Diagnosis] [Insert ICD]

DOSE AND FREQUENCY: [Insert Dose & Frequency]

REQUEST TYPE: Standard EXPEDITED

Dear [Insert name of Medical Director or name of individual responsible for prior authorization]:

I am writing on behalf of our shared member, [Patient Name] to request a formulary exception for SPRAVATO® (esketamine) for [Patient Name]'s [Patient's diagnosis].

SPRAVATO® is now FDA approved as monotherapy for treatment-resistant depression (TRD) in adults.* This approval is in addition to the two established FDA-approved indications for SPRAVATO® to be taken in conjunction with an oral antidepressant for: TRD in adults and depressive symptoms in adults with major depressive disorder (MDD) with acute suicidal ideation or behavior.

Summary of Patient's Diagnosis

[Insert patient's diagnosis, date of diagnosis, lab results and date, current condition]

Summary of Patient's History

[Insert:

- Previous therapies/procedures, including dose and duration, response to those interventions
- Description of patient's recent symptoms/condition
- Site of medical service—include appropriate site type: inpatient, hospital outpatient, outpatient clinic, private practice, or other
- Rationale for not using drugs that are on the plan's formulary
- Summary of your professional opinion of the patient's likely prognosis or disease progression without treatment with SPRAVATO®

Note: Exercise your medical judgment and discretion when providing a diagnosis and characterization of the patient's medical condition.]

Rationale for Treatment

[Insert summary statement for rationale for treatment such as: Considering the patient's history, condition, and the full Prescribing Information supporting uses of SPRAVATO®, I believe treatment with SPRAVATO® at this time is medically necessary, and should be a covered and reimbursed service.]

[You may consider including documents that provide additional clinical information to support the recommendation for SPRAVATO® for this patient, such as the full Prescribing Information, peer-reviewed journal articles, or clinical guidelines.]

[Given the urgent nature of this request,] please provide a timely authorization. Contact my office at [Insert Phone Number] if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

[Insert Physician Name and Participating Provider Number]

Enclosures [Include full Prescribing Information and the additional support noted above]

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Medicare Part D Coverage Determination (Exception)

Medicare provides an optional model form that may be used to initiate the exceptions request with Part D payers and allow the prescriber to provide supporting information. This optional model form was developed in response to requests from outside parties to provide guidance to enrollees and prescribers on requesting coverage determinations (including exception requests) from Part D payers. There are 2 components to the model form:

- The request (may be completed by the enrollee, appointed representative, or prescriber)
- Supporting information (completed and signed by the prescriber)

Under the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit program, a Part D plan enrollee, the enrollee's representative, or the enrollee's doctor/prescriber can request a coverage determination, including a tiering or formulary exception. A request for a coverage determination can be made verbally or in writing. Use of this form is optional. An enrollee, the enrollee's representative, or the enrollee's prescriber may submit a written request for a coverage determination in any format and cannot be required to use this or any other form.

When requesting a coverage determination from a non-Medicare payer, prescribers may be required to use that payer's specific forms. It is important to clarify with each payer the accepted process and format for submitting coverage determination requests. If the payer does not provide specific forms, this model may help organize what is likely to be needed. For all payers, both Medicare and non-Medicare, it may be necessary to submit additional information or documentation to support the request.

Note: Formulary and tiering exception requests must include a prescriber's supporting statement.

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Sample Format: Medicare Part D Optional Model Form

Medicare Part D Form (page 1 of 3)*

REQUEST FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE DETERMINATION

This form may be sent to us by mail or fax:

Address: [Insert plan address(es)] Fax Number: [Insert plan fax number(s)]

You may also ask us for a coverage determination by phone at [insert plan telephone number] or through our website at [insert plan web address].

Who May Make a Request: Your prescriber may ask us for a coverage determination on your behalf. If you want another individual (such as a family member or friend) to make a request for you, that individual must be your representative. Contact us to learn how to name a representative.

Enrollee's Information

Enrollee's Name		Date of Birth
Enrollee's Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Enrollee's Member ID #	

Complete the following section ONLY if the person making this request is not the enrollee or prescriber:

Requestor's Name		
Requestor's Relationship to Enrollee		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone		

Representation documentation for requests made by someone other than enrollee or the enrollee's prescriber:

Attach documentation showing the authority to represent the enrollee (a completed Authorization of Representation Form CMS-1696 or a written equivalent). For more information on appointing a representative, contact your plan or 1-800-Medicare.

Name of prescription drug you are requesting (if known, include strength and quantity requested per month):

*Model coverage determination request form and instructions available at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/MedPrescriptDrugApplGriev/Forms>

Note: Some payers require specific forms, depending on the route of administration. Please check with the participating payer for any specific requirements.

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Considerations for Developing a Letter of Appeal

Use a Letter of Appeal to request that the payer review a claim or denied coverage determination for SPRAVATO® (esketamine) Nasal Spray if the member or provider disagrees with the decision. An appeal may be submitted when the payer has adjudicated the claim for SPRAVATO® and there is an explanation of benefits for the claim documenting the reason for the denial. Below are some reasons payers may deny a claim that can be appealed:

- Medical policy does not specify coverage
- The rationale to prescribe the drug does not meet the payer's medical necessity criteria

The letter contains examples of information that payers may require to reconsider a claim for coverage of SPRAVATO®. Check with the payer to confirm if there are specific coverage requirements or information needed as part of the request. Below are some helpful tips for submitting a Letter of Appeal:

- Check with the payer to see if there is a specific appeal form to use
- Verify the reason for the denial to be sure the decision can be appealed, and specifically address the reason the payer denied the claim in the appeal
- Submit the appeal within the time frame specified by the payer
- Indicate the type and/or level of appeal being requested (internal, external, first-level, etc)
- Write the Letter of Appeal on your practice letterhead
- Consider requesting that the payer provide a psychiatrist's review of the patient's case
- Include additional information with the Letter of Appeal that may assist the payer with making an appropriate decision for the patient. Examples of documentation that may be sent with the Letter of Appeal include:
 - Published studies
 - Notes from the patient's medical record
 - Notes from psychiatric evaluation
 - A copy of the explanation of benefits
- Sign and date the Letter of Appeal

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Tools and Resources

Resource	Access
<p>CMS Exceptions and Appeals Processes CMS website applicable to Part D exceptions and appeals processes; offers links to resources</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/MedPrescriptDrugApplGriev</p>
<p>How Medicare Drug Plans Use Pharmacies, Formularies, and Common Coverage Rules CMS beneficiary publication providing overview of Medicare Part D; specifically reviews coverage rules</p>	<p>https://askmma.com/resources/2021%20Medicare%20Drug%20Plan%20pharmacies%20&%20formularies.pdf</p>
<p>Forms Website with links to forms applicable to Part D grievances, coverage determinations and exceptions, and appeals processes</p>	<p>https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/MedPrescriptDrugApplGriev/Forms</p>
<p>Medicare Appeals CMS beneficiary publication for all types of Medicare appeals; contains Part D-specific information</p>	<p>https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11525-Medicare-Appeals.pdf</p>
<p>Medicare Exceptions and Appeals Processes Access contact information by state</p>	<p>https://www.medicare.gov/providers-services/claims-appeals-complaints</p>
<p>Sponsor Grievance, Coverage Determination, and Appeals Contacts Download files: contact information for exceptions and appeals responsibility at Medicare Part D plans</p>	<p>www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/MedPrescriptDrugApplGriev/Exceptions.html</p>
<p>State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Obtain state-specific contact numbers</p>	<p>https://www.shiphelp.org/</p>

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CONTRAINDICATIONS

SPRAVATO® is contraindicated in patients with:

- Aneurysmal vascular disease (including thoracic and abdominal aorta, intracranial and peripheral arterial vessels) or arteriovenous malformation.
- History of intracerebral hemorrhage.
- Hypersensitivity to esketamine, ketamine, or any of the excipients.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Sedation: SPRAVATO® may cause sedation or loss of consciousness. In some cases, patients may display diminished or less apparent breathing. In clinical trials, 48% to 61% of SPRAVATO®-treated patients developed sedation and 0.3% to 0.4% of SPRAVATO®-treated patients experienced loss of consciousness.

Because of the possibility of delayed or prolonged sedation, patients must be monitored by a healthcare provider for at least 2 hours at each treatment session, followed by an assessment to determine when the patient is considered clinically stable and ready to leave the healthcare setting.

Closely monitor for sedation with concomitant use of SPRAVATO® with CNS depressants (e.g., benzodiazepines, opioids, alcohol).

Dissociation: The most common psychological effects of SPRAVATO® were dissociative or perceptual changes (including distortion of time, space and illusions), derealization and depersonalization (61% to 84% of SPRAVATO®-treated patients developed dissociative or perceptual changes). Given its potential to induce dissociative effects, carefully assess patients with psychosis before administering SPRAVATO®; treatment should be initiated only if the benefit outweighs the risk.

Because of the risks of dissociation, patients must be monitored by a healthcare provider for at least 2 hours at each treatment session, followed by an assessment to determine when the patient is considered clinically stable and ready to leave the healthcare setting.

Respiratory Depression: In postmarketing experience, respiratory depression was observed with the use of SPRAVATO®. In addition, there were rare reports of respiratory arrest.

Because of the risks of respiratory depression, patients must be monitored for changes in respiratory status by a healthcare provider for at least 2 hours (including pulse oximetry) at each treatment session, followed by an assessment to determine when the patient is considered clinically stable and ready to leave the healthcare setting.

Abuse and Misuse: SPRAVATO® contains esketamine, a Schedule III controlled substance (CIII), and may be subject to abuse and diversion. Assess each patient's risk for abuse or misuse prior to prescribing and monitor all patients for the development of these behaviors or conditions, including drug-seeking behavior, while on therapy. Individuals with a history of drug abuse or dependence are at greater risk; therefore, use careful consideration prior to treatment of individuals with a history of substance use disorder and monitor for signs of abuse or dependence.

SPRAVATO® Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy

(REMS): SPRAVATO® is available only through a restricted program called the SPRAVATO® REMS because of the risks of serious adverse outcomes from sedation, dissociation, respiratory depression, and abuse and misuse.

Important requirements of the SPRAVATO® REMS include the following:

- Healthcare settings must be certified in the program and ensure that SPRAVATO® is:
 - Only dispensed and administered in healthcare settings.
 - Patients treated in outpatient settings (e.g., medical offices and clinics) must be enrolled in the program.
 - Administered by patients under the direct observation of a healthcare provider and that patients are monitored by a healthcare provider for at least 2 hours after administration of SPRAVATO®.

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SPRAVATO® Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) (cont'd):

- Pharmacies must be certified in the REMS and must only dispense SPRAVATO® to healthcare settings that are certified in the program.

Further information, including a list of certified pharmacies, is available at www.SPRAVATOREMS.com or 1-855-382-6022.

Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors in Adolescents and Young Adults: In pooled analyses of placebo-controlled trials of antidepressant drugs (SSRIs and other antidepressant classes) that included adult and pediatric patients, the incidence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in patients age 24 years and younger was greater than in placebo-treated patients. SPRAVATO® is not approved in pediatric (<18 years of age) patients.

There was considerable variation in risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors among drugs, but there was an increased risk identified in young patients for most drugs studied.

Monitor all antidepressant-treated patients for clinical worsening and emergence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors, especially during the initial few months of drug therapy and at times of dosage changes. Counsel family members or caregivers of patients to monitor for changes in behavior and to alert the healthcare provider. Consider changing the therapeutic regimen, including possibly discontinuing SPRAVATO® and/or the concomitant oral antidepressant, in patients whose depression is persistently worse, or who are experiencing emergent suicidal thoughts or behaviors.

Increase in Blood Pressure: SPRAVATO® causes increases in systolic and/or diastolic blood pressure (BP) at all recommended doses. Increases in BP peak approximately 40 minutes after SPRAVATO® administration and last approximately 4 hours.

Approximately 3% to 19% of SPRAVATO®-treated patients experienced an increase of more than 40 mmHg in systolic BP and/or 25 mmHg in diastolic BP in the first 1.5 hours after administration at least once during the first 4 weeks of treatment. A substantial increase in blood pressure

could occur after any dose administered even if smaller blood pressure effects were observed with previous administrations. SPRAVATO® is contraindicated in patients for whom an increase in BP or intracranial pressure poses a serious risk (e.g., aneurysmal vascular disease, arteriovenous malformation, history of intracerebral hemorrhage). Before prescribing SPRAVATO®, patients with other cardiovascular and cerebrovascular conditions should be carefully assessed to determine whether the potential benefits of SPRAVATO® outweigh its risk.

Assess BP prior to administration of SPRAVATO®. In patients whose BP is elevated prior to SPRAVATO® administration (as a general guide: >140/90 mmHg), a decision to delay SPRAVATO® therapy should take into account the balance of benefit and risk in individual patients.

BP should be monitored for at least 2 hours after SPRAVATO® administration. Measure blood pressure around 40 minutes post-dose and subsequently as clinically warranted until values decline. If BP remains high, promptly seek assistance from practitioners experienced in BP management. Refer patients experiencing symptoms of a hypertensive crisis (e.g., chest pain, shortness of breath) or hypertensive encephalopathy (e.g., sudden severe headache, visual disturbances, seizures, diminished consciousness, or focal neurological deficits) immediately for emergency care.

Closely monitor blood pressure with concomitant use of SPRAVATO® with psychostimulants (e.g., amphetamines, methylphenidate, modafinil, armodafinil) or monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs).

In patients with a history of hypertensive encephalopathy, more intensive monitoring, including more frequent blood pressure and symptom assessment, is warranted because these patients are at increased risk for developing encephalopathy with even small increases in blood pressure.

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Cognitive Impairment

Short-Term Cognitive Impairment: In a study in healthy volunteers, a single dose of SPRAVATO® caused cognitive performance decline 40 minutes post-dose. Compared to placebo-treated subjects, SPRAVATO®-treated subjects required a greater effort to complete the cognitive tests at 40 minutes post-dose. Cognitive performance and mental effort were comparable between SPRAVATO® and placebo at 2 hours post-dose. Sleepiness was comparable after 4 hours post-dose.

Long-Term Cognitive Impairment: Long-term cognitive and memory impairment have been reported with repeated ketamine misuse or abuse. In 1-year and 3-year, long-term, open-label clinical trials in adults, the effect of SPRAVATO® on cognitive functioning remained stable over time as evaluated by the Cogstate computerized battery and Hopkins Verbal Learning Test-Revised.

Impaired Ability to Drive and Operate Machinery: Before SPRAVATO® administration, instruct patients not to engage in potentially hazardous activities requiring complete mental alertness and motor coordination, such as driving a motor vehicle or operating machinery, until the next day following a restful sleep. Patients will need to arrange transportation home following treatment with SPRAVATO®.

Ulcerative or Interstitial Cystitis: Cases of ulcerative or interstitial cystitis have been reported in individuals with long-term off-label use or misuse/abuse of ketamine. In clinical studies with SPRAVATO® nasal spray, there was a higher rate of lower urinary tract symptoms (pollakiuria, dysuria, micturition urgency, nocturia, and cystitis) in SPRAVATO®-treated patients than in placebo-treated patients. No cases of esketamine-related interstitial cystitis were observed in any of the studies, which involved treatment for up to a year.

Monitor for urinary tract and bladder symptoms during the course of treatment with SPRAVATO® and refer to an appropriate healthcare provider as clinically warranted.

PREGNANCY, EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY, AND LACTATION

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SPRAVATO® is not recommended during pregnancy. SPRAVATO® may cause fetal harm when administered to pregnant women. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to an infant exposed to SPRAVATO® *in utero*. Advise women of reproductive potential to consider pregnancy planning and prevention.

There are risks to the mother associated with untreated depression in pregnancy. If a woman becomes pregnant while being treated with SPRAVATO®, treatment with SPRAVATO® should be discontinued and the patient should be counseled about the potential risk to the fetus.

Pregnancy Exposure Registry: There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to antidepressants, including SPRAVATO®, during pregnancy. Healthcare providers are encouraged to register patients by contacting the National Pregnancy Registry for Antidepressants at 1-844-405-6185 or online at <https://womensmentalhealth.org/research/pregnancyregistry/antidepressants/>.

SPRAVATO® is present in human milk. Because of the potential for neurotoxicity, advise patients that breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with SPRAVATO®.

SELECT USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Geriatric Use: No overall differences in the safety profile were observed between patients 65 years of age and older and patients younger than 65 years of age. At the end of a 4-week, randomized, double-blind study, there was no statistically significant difference between groups on the primary efficacy endpoint.

Hepatic Impairment: SPRAVATO®-treated patients with moderate hepatic impairment may need to be monitored for adverse reactions for a longer period of time.

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Hepatic Impairment (cont'd):

SPRAVATO® has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class C). Use in this population is not recommended.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

TRD: The most commonly observed adverse reactions in patients treated with SPRAVATO® plus oral antidepressant (incidence $\geq 5\%$ and at least twice that of placebo nasal spray plus oral antidepressant) were dissociation, dizziness, nausea, sedation, vertigo, hypoesthesia, anxiety, lethargy, blood pressure increased, vomiting, and feeling drunk.

Treatment of depressive symptoms in adults with MDD with acute suicidal ideation or behavior: The most commonly observed adverse reactions in patients treated with SPRAVATO® plus oral antidepressant (incidence $\geq 5\%$ and at least twice that of placebo nasal spray plus oral antidepressant) were dissociation, dizziness, sedation, blood pressure increased, hypoesthesia, vomiting, euphoric mood, and vertigo.

The most common adverse reactions with SPRAVATO® TRD monotherapy ($\geq 5\%$ and at least twice that of placebo nasal spray) were dissociation, nausea, dizziness, headache, anxiety, vomiting, feeling drunk, blood pressure increased, and sedation.

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Appendix A

Considerations for HCPs When Submitting Exceptions and Appeals

The list below is not an exhaustive list but includes considerations. The HCP's experience, research of the patient's payer requirements, and clinical judgment need to be followed.

Resource	✓	Notes
I have developed a clear and simple statement about what my patient needs and why		
I have assembled information adequate to support medical necessity for this request		
For expedited requests: I have assembled adequate information to support the urgency of this request		
I have designated a primary contact for interacting with the payer/pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) on this matter		
I have reviewed the payer's/PBM's website or contacted customer service/provider relations for policy/process information, including forms and contacts		
I have a tracking mechanism in place to log date, time, contact person, and outcome of all communications		
I know who the payer/PBM will contact and how they will communicate their decision		

This request is for Prior authorization Exception request Appeal

Primary payer contact: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Appendix C

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes

There is no ICD-10-CM code for treatment-resistant depression or depressive symptoms in adults with major depressive disorder (MDD) with acute suicidal ideation or behavior. The codes below are provided for your consideration. Payer requirements for ICD-10 codes will vary. It is essential to verify correct diagnosis coding with each payer.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes for Consideration^{2*}

Code	Description
Code Considerations for Patients New to SPRAVATO[®]	
F32.0	Major depressive disorder, single episode, mild
F32.1	Major depressive disorder, single episode, moderate
F32.2	Major depressive disorder, single episode, severe without psychotic features
F32.9	Major depressive disorder, single episode, unspecified
F33.0	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, mild
F33.1	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, moderate
F33.2	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, severe without psychotic features
F33.9	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, unspecified
Code Considerations for Patients Already Receiving SPRAVATO[®]	
F32.4	Major depressive disorder, single episode, in partial remission
F32.5	Major depressive disorder, single episode, in full remission
F33.40	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, in remission, unspecified
F33.41	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, in partial remission
F33.42	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, in full remission

*These codes are not intended to be promotional or to encourage or suggest a use of drug that is inconsistent with FDA-approved use. The codes provided are not exhaustive and additional codes may apply.

Note: SPRAVATO[®] is indicated for the treatment of treatment-resistant depression (TRD) in adults as monotherapy or in conjunction with an oral antidepressant and depressive symptoms in adults with major depressive disorder (MDD) with acute suicidal ideation or behavior in conjunction with an oral antidepressant.³

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