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## Butalbital-Containing Products

APPROVAL AMOUNT: UP TO A MAXIMUM OF ANOTHER 120 TABLETS/CAPSULES OR 180 ml (for the liquid)

### REVIEW CRITERIA:

- ***Tensions (Muscle Contraction) Headaches:*** (for requests exceeding the quantity limit)
  - Must have a chronic history of attacks (per progress notes).
  - Must be prescribed or recommended upon consultation with a specialist (eg. neurologist) as per progress notes submitted.
  - Must have had trial and failure of at least three of the four therapies in the past 365 days:
    - NSAIDs (eg. ibuprofen, naproxen)
    - Tricyclics (eg. amitriptyline)
    - Muscle relaxants (eg. tizanidine)
    - Non-drug Therapies (relaxation training, cognitive behavior therapy, EMG biofeedback)
  
- ***Migraine Headaches:***(for requests exceeding the quantity limit)
  - Must have a chronic history of attacks (per progress notes).
  - Must have current (within past 30 days) treatment failure of prophylaxis therapy (eg. metoprolol, topiramate, amitriptyline).
  - Must be prescribed or recommended upon consultation with a specialist (eg. neurologist) as per progress notes submitted.
  - Must have had trial and failure of at least one medication from each the classes of therapy below in the past 365 days:
    - NSAIDs (eg. ibuprofen, naproxen)
    - Triptans [eg. Axert (*almotriptan*), Maxalt (*rizatriptan*), Imitrex (*sumatriptan*), Relpax (*eletriptan*), Treximet (*sumatriptan/naproxen*), Amerge (*naratriptan*), Frova (*frovatriptan*, Zomig (*zolmitriptan*)]



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**DOSING & ADMINISTRATION:**

Butalbital/ASA/Caffeine Butalbital/APAP/Caffeine Butalbital/Caffeine/APAP/Codeine	<b>Adults:</b>  50-100 mg butalbital PO q4h prn; Max: 300 mg/day butalbital; 1 g/4h and 4 g/day acetaminophen; 360 mg/day codeine
Butalbital/ASA/Caffeine/Codeine	<b>Adults:</b>  1-2 tabs PO q4h; Max: 6 caps/day
Butalbital/APAP	<b>Ages &gt;12 years:</b>  50-100 mg butalbital PO q4h prn; 1 g/4h and 4 g/day acetaminophen; Max: 300 mg/day
Alagesic LQ (50mg butalbital/325mg APAP/40mg caffeine) per 15ml	<b>Ages &gt;12 years:</b>  One or two tablespoonfuls (15 mL or 30 mL) every four hours. Total daily dosage should not exceed 6 tablespoonfuls.