

# Qutenza®

(capsaicin) 8% topical system



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## ACCESS TOOL KIT






Navigating the coverage and reimbursement process  
to help patients start and stay on therapy

# About This Guide

Averitas Pharma, Inc., the manufacturer of QUTENZA® (capsaicin) 8% topical system, is committed to supporting patients seeking medically appropriate treatment of painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy of the feet. The Access Tool Kit is designed to assist healthcare providers (HCPs) with coverage and reimbursement questions related to the use and administration of QUTENZA, including information and resources to assist with benefits investigations, prior authorizations, product ordering, claims submission, appeals, and co-payment support.

In addition, [My QUTENZA Connect](#) (MQC), a service provided by Averitas, offers customized support depending on your unique coverage and reimbursement needs.

## Important Note

-  This content is intended solely as a resource to assist healthcare providers and organizations with coverage and reimbursement-related questions about QUTENZA. Health insurance coverage and reimbursement for QUTENZA may vary. Averitas makes no representations about the information provided, as applicable coverage and reimbursement requirements may change periodically and often without warning.
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-  The content in this Access Tool Kit is current as of February 2025. Information on My QUTENZA Connect is also updated from time to time.

# Important Safety Information

## INDICATION

QUTENZA® (capsaicin) 8% topical system is indicated in adults for the treatment of neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) or associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy (DPN) of the feet.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Do not dispense QUTENZA to patients for self-administration or handling. Use only on dry, unbroken skin. Only physicians or healthcare professionals are to administer and handle QUTENZA, following the procedures in the label.

### Warnings and Precautions

- **Severe Irritation:** Whether applied directly or transferred accidentally from other surfaces, capsaicin can cause severe irritation of eyes, mucous membranes, respiratory tract, and skin to the healthcare professional, patients, and others. Do not use near eyes or mucous membranes, including face and scalp. Take protective measures, including wearing nitrile gloves and not touching items or surfaces that the patient may also touch. Flush irritated mucous membranes or eyes with water and provide supportive medical care for shortness of breath. Remove affected individuals from the vicinity of QUTENZA. Do not re-expose affected individuals to QUTENZA if respiratory irritation worsens or does not resolve. If skin not intended to be treated comes into contact with QUTENZA, apply Cleansing Gel and then wipe off with dry gauze. Thoroughly clean all areas and items exposed to QUTENZA and dispose of properly. Because aerosolization of capsaicin can occur with rapid removal, administer QUTENZA in a well-ventilated area, and remove gently and slowly, rolling the adhesive side inward.
- **Application-Associated Pain:** Patients may experience substantial procedural pain and burning upon application and following removal of QUTENZA. Prepare to treat acute pain during and following application with local cooling and/or appropriate analgesic medication.

- **Increase in Blood Pressure:** Transient increases in blood pressure may occur with QUTENZA treatment. Monitor blood pressure during and following treatment procedure and provide support for treatment-related pain. Patients with unstable or poorly controlled hypertension, or a recent history of cardiovascular or cerebrovascular events, may be at an increased risk of adverse cardiovascular effects. Consider these factors prior to initiating QUTENZA treatment.
- **Sensory Function:** Reductions in sensory function (generally minor and temporary) have been reported following administration of QUTENZA. Assess for signs of sensory deterioration or loss prior to each application of QUTENZA. If sensory loss occurs, treatment should be reconsidered.
- **Severe Application Site Burns:** Full-thickness (third-degree) and deep partial-thickness (second-degree) burns have been reported following administration of QUTENZA. Cases of full-thickness (third-degree) burns, requiring hospitalization and skin grafting have been reported in patients who received QUTENZA for an unapproved indication and/or frequency of dosing at an application site where there had been prior skin trauma. Ensure that dosage and administration recommendations are followed.

### Adverse Reactions

The most common adverse reactions ( $\geq 5\%$  and  $>$  control group) in all controlled clinical trials are application site erythema, application site pain, and application site pruritus.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Averitas Pharma, Inc. at 1-877-900-6479 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

Please see full Prescribing Information at [https://QUTENZAhcp.com/pdfs/QUTENZA\\_Prescribing\\_Information.pdf](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/pdfs/QUTENZA_Prescribing_Information.pdf)

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# Integrating QUTENZA Into Your Practice



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# Integrating QUTENZA in 4 Easy Steps

The steps provided below will enable you to implement an efficient ordering, approval, and reimbursement process.

## 1 Getting Started

Once you have identified patients who would benefit from using QUTENZA, ensure that the proper systems and processes are in place for providers to prescribe QUTENZA.

### Confirm product availability.

A list of specialty distributors contracted for QUTENZA is available on [page 22](#) of this tool kit.

### Request product application training.

Your QUTENZA Account Manager can conduct a product in-service and demonstrate how QUTENZA should be applied.

Find the Application Video at [QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/starting-patients/#applying-qutenza/](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/starting-patients/#applying-qutenza/)

## 2 Enrolling in My QUTENZA Connect

[My QUTENZA Connect](#) (MQC) is available to conduct benefit investigations before your patients are scheduled for treatment. You can also contact your Field Access Manager to address any questions that you may have.

### Determine benefits.

Enrollment in [My QUTENZA Connect](#) is simple. MQC offers access to tools and information that may aid in the reimbursement process. You can submit a benefits investigation request through the MQC portal to obtain information about coverage for a patient, including percentage of deductible met, an estimate of patient out-of-pocket costs, and payer utilization requirements.

Access the MQC Enrollment Form at [MyQUTENZAConnect.com/enrollments/new](https://MyQUTENZAConnect.com/enrollments/new)

### Set up your account with MQC.

Enroll your patients to determine benefit coverage.

### Obtain payer approval, when necessary.

You may be asked to submit clinical documentation to establish the medical necessity of your patient's treatment with QUTENZA. The Patient Chart Documentation Form is a tool that can support this process. MQC also provides prior authorization and certification support.

Download Patient Chart Documentation Form at [QUTENZAhcp.com/pdfs/QUTENZA Patient Chart Documentation.pdf](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/pdfs/QUTENZA%20Patient%20Chart%20Documentation.pdf)

# Integrating QUTENZA in 4 Easy Steps (cont'd)

## 3 Treating Patients

Completion of steps 1 and 2 will help you implement an efficient workflow for prescribing QUTENZA.

Next is the treatment phase.

### Acquire the product.

Order QUTENZA so you have it on hand for your patient's treatment.

A list of specialty distributors contracted for QUTENZA is available on page 22 of this tool kit.

### Schedule your patient and conduct the in-office procedure.

Get tools and resources for your patients to help educate them about what to expect during and after treatment.

- QUTENZA Patient Brochure (English and Spanish)
- Understanding Treatment Video
- Application Video
- Doctor Discussion Guide
- Treatment Tips
- Progress Tracker

Access Resources at [QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/resources/](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/resources/)

### Establish ongoing treatment as appropriate.

Ensure your patients are scheduled for ongoing treatment as clinically appropriate. Treatment may be repeated no more frequently than every 3 months.

Visit My QUTENZA Connect at [MyQUTENZAConnect.com/](https://MyQUTENZAConnect.com/)

## 4 Submitting Claims

Obtaining appropriate reimbursement for QUTENZA can be simple.

### Bill for QUTENZA and/or the administration.

The Billing and Coding section of this Access Tool Kit includes helpful tips for submitting a claim. You can also contact your Field Access Manager for additional support with your questions.

See the Billing and Coding section starting on page 24 of this tool kit.

### Explore cost savings support options for your commercially insured patients.

The My QUTENZA Connect Cost Savings Program can help cover costs related to QUTENZA treatment. Your patients may be eligible for cost savings if they:

- Are using QUTENZA for an FDA-approved use
- Are 18 years of age or older
- Have commercial (private) insurance that covers QUTENZA
- Live and receive treatment in the United States
- Do not use a state or federal healthcare plan to pay for their medication—this includes, but is not limited to, Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE

See Cost Savings Program and Full Terms and Conditions at [QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/access/#cost-savings](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/access/#cost-savings)

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# MQC

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# The Resources You Need, Right at Your Fingertips

**Prescribing QUTENZA Made Simple:** Leverage the expertise and support of [My QUTENZA Connect](#) to help your patients access, start, and stay on therapy.

- **Detailed benefits investigation** (medical and pharmacy benefits) to confirm patient coverage and eligibility and plan specific requirements to streamline the reimbursement process
- **Support and resources** to help navigate prior authorization, claims, and appeals
- **Real-time patient tracking** to prevent treatment delays and track progress with the My QUTENZA Connect portal
- **Automatic verification of patient benefits** before each treatment to minimize disruptions in treatment



## COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT SUPPORT

**Plan-specific requirements for reimbursement:**

- Benefits investigation
- Prior authorization support

**Helpful tips when submitting a claim:**

- Patient chart documentation template
- QUTENZA topical system product codes
- Information on claims submission and appeals



## ACCESS RESOURCES AND TOOLS

**Resources to help patients stay compliant with their therapy:**

- 24/7 portal access to patient cases
- Patient benefit(s) reverification

**Ensure patients know what to expect** and emphasize the importance of promptly responding to calls about their QUTENZA treatment, including those from a specialty pharmacy, if applicable.



## Support for Your Patients

**QUTENZA Nurse Specialists:** Providing dedicated support and resources to help make it easier for patients as they begin, and continue, their QUTENZA treatment journey. The QUTENZA Nurse Specialist team can:

- Explain DPN and address questions about QUTENZA
- Encourage adherence to your prescribed treatment plan through education
- Support patients in tracking progress and staying motivated
- Guide patients to helpful educational tools and resources
- Provide text reminders and follow-ups

## Enrolling in My QUTENZA Connect

Once you enroll in MQC, you can:

- Monitor patient case information
- Receive case status updates
- Upload clinical information
- Live chat with your MQC Case Manager
- Connect with your Averitas Field Access Manager



**Phone:** 855-802-8746  
**Fax:** 855-454-8746

**Monday – Friday**  
9AM – 7PM ET

**[MyQUTENZAConnect.com](https://MyQUTENZAConnect.com)**

# Benefits Investigation



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# Conducting a Benefits Investigation

It is important to understand and verify patient insurance benefits prior to initiating treatment. A benefits investigation can provide the healthcare provider office with the following:

Payer Coverage Requirements

Claims Submission Information

Patient Cost-Share Considerations


## RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ Obtain the patient's information, the patient's insurance information, and your facility/office's tax ID number and national provider identifier (NPI), then call the payer's provider services line.
- ✓ Ask about the coverage criteria specifically for the use of QUTENZA.
- ✓ Verify that HCPCS and CPT codes for use are covered for the patient's diagnosis. Provide applicable ICD-10-CM code(s).
- ✓ Ask whether the payer has set a maximum number of applications or treatment options, and if so, how many.
- ✓ Ask whether any documentation should be submitted with the claim. If so, ask how the documentation should be submitted.
- ✓ Ask if the payer has a specific medical policy pertaining to QUTENZA, and if so, whether they can provide a link to the policy.
- ✓ Ask whether a referral is required from the primary care physician.
- ✓ Inquire whether the patient has any coverage limitations or policy exclusions for the treatment and application of QUTENZA.
- ✓ Verify your contracted reimbursement rate for the appropriate HCPCS and CPT codes and how much the patient will be required to pay out of pocket.

# Conducting a Benefits Investigation



Need Assistance Conducting a Benefits Investigation?



**QUTENZA BENEFITS INVESTIGATION RESULTS**

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[MyQUTENZAConnect.com](#)  
Hours: (M-F) 9 AM-7 PM ET

PATIENT INFORMATION			
Patient Name	Date of Birth	Patient ID	BI Case Number
Indication	ICD-10-CM Code	CPT Code	POS

**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**

	Primary			Secondary		
	Covered	Coverage %	PA Required	Covered	Coverage %	PA Required
QUTENZA/Medical						
Administration						
QUTENZA/Pharmacy						

QUTENZA Cost Savings Eligible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION			
Provider Name	Provider NPI	Provider Tax ID	Provider Email
Address	City	State	Zip
Provider Phone			

PRIMARY MEDICAL BENEFITS			
Insurance Company	Member ID	Group Number	Effective Date
Plan Type	Payer Contact	Payer Phone	Payer Portal
Prior Auth Needed for 17336 <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Prior Auth Needed For Administration <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	PCP Referral Required <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Provider in Network <input type="radio"/> Is in Network <input type="radio"/> Is Not in Network
17336 Coverage %	17336 Copay \$	Deductible \$	OOP Max \$
Admin Coverage %	Admin Copay \$	Deductible Met \$	OOP Met \$
Office Coverage %	Office Copay \$	Deductible Remaining \$	OOP Remaining \$
Additional Instructions:			

BI Completion Date: pg. 1 of 2

My QUTENZA Connect can help.

A Reimbursement Case Manager will research the patient's insurance benefits and send a patient-specific Summary of Benefits and Benefits Results to your office. The results can also be viewed on the My QUTENZA Connect HCP Portal. Visit **MyQUTENZAConnect.com** or ask your **Averitas Field Access Manager** for more information.

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# Supporting Your Benefits Investigation



After [My QUTENZA Connect](#) receives the Benefits Investigation Request and Prescription Form, the team will provide your practice with the patient's QUTENZA Benefits Investigation Results.

## Patient Information

Included in this section are the patient's name, DOB, and ID as well as the BI Case Number. The BI Case Number is assigned by MQC and is specific to the benefits investigation outlined on the form. A new BI Case Number is generated each time a benefits investigation is performed on behalf of your patient.

## Benefits at a Glance

Provides a summary of key components of your patient's insurance coverage and indicates whether your patient may be eligible for the QUTENZA Cost Savings Program.

## Healthcare Professional Information

Overview of the provider's information.

## Primary Medical Benefits

Shows your patient's primary medical plan details.

Shows the plan's prior authorization and referral requirements as well as the provider's in-network status.

Lists information on your patient's medical coverage. It also outlines the patient's copay, deductible, and out-of-pocket (OOP) responsibility.

The Additional instructions field includes a narrative of key points and any pertinent details related to the research of your patient's coverage.



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### PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient Name	Date of Birth	Patient ID	BI Case Number
Indication	ICD-10-CM Code	CPT Code	POS

### BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

	Primary			Secondary		
	Covered	Coverage %	PA Required	Covered	Coverage %	PA Required
QUTENZA/Medical						
Administration						
QUTENZA/Pharmacy						

QUTENZA Cost Savings Eligible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Provider Name	Provider NPI	Provider Tax ID	Provider Email
Address	City	State	Zip
			Provider Phone

### PRIMARY MEDICAL BENEFITS

Insurance Company	Member ID	Group Number	Effective Date
Plan Type	Payer Contact	Payer Phone	Payer Portal
Prior Auth Needed For I7336 <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Prior Auth Needed For Administration <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	PCP Referral Required <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Provider in Network <input type="radio"/> Is in Network <input type="radio"/> Is Not in Network
I7336 Coverage %	I7336 Copay \$	Deductible \$	OOP Max \$
Admin Coverage %	Admin Copay \$	Deductible Met \$	OOP Met \$
Office Coverage %	Office Copay \$	Deductible Remaining \$	OOP Remaining \$

Additional instructions:

BI Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Benefits Investigation Results is not a guarantee of coverage or payment.





# Supporting Your Benefits Investigation (cont'd)



The comprehensive results allow you to make the most appropriate choice for your patient and your practice on how to access QUTENZA.

## Secondary or Supplemental Medical Benefits

This section includes the same information as the Primary Medical Benefits section and will be completed if your patient has applicable secondary or supplemental medical benefits.

## Pharmacy Benefits

Outlines your patient's pharmacy plan details, including the pharmacy benefit manager.

Lists the plan's prior authorization requirements and your patient's medication OOP responsibilities.

The Additional instructions field includes a narrative of key points and any pertinent details related to the research of your patient's coverage.

## Mandated or In-Network Pharmacies

Identifies pharmacies mandated or preferred by the patient's insurance plan details related to the research of your patient's coverage.

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SECONDARY OR SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL BENEFITS

Insurance Company	Member ID	Group Number	Effective Date
Plan Type	Payer Contact	Payer Phone	Payer Portal
Prior Auth Needed for J7336 <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Prior Auth Needed For Administration <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	PCP Referral Required <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Provider in Network <input type="radio"/> Is in Network <input type="radio"/> Is <b>Not</b> in Network
J7336 Coverage %	J7336 Copay \$	Deductible \$	OOP Max \$
Admin Coverage %	Admin Copay \$	Deductible Met \$	OOP Met \$
Office Coverage %	Office Copay \$	Deductible Remaining \$	OOP Remaining \$
Additional instructions:			

PHARMACY BENEFITS

Insurance Company	Member ID
Group Number	Plan Type
Payer Contact	Payer Phone
Prior Authorization Needed For National Drug Code <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Prior Authorization Needed For Administration <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Medication Copay	
Additional instructions:	

MANDATED OR IN-NETWORK PHARMACIES

Enter additional pharmacy information if office decides to go with a local SP

Pharmacy Name	Transfer Date	Pharmacy Phone	Pharmacy Fax
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MANDATED OR IN-NETWORK PHARMACIES

Pharmacy Name	Transfer Date	Pharmacy Phone	Pharmacy Fax
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BI Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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It is the responsibility of the practice to confirm eligibility and that coverage requirements are met prior to each QUTENZA administration.



# Prior Authorization



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# Establishing Medical Necessity for a Prior Authorization

Health insurers use prior authorizations to evaluate the medical necessity of planned medical services.

If a patient's health plan requires prior authorization, you likely will be asked to submit specific information and send a letter or statement to support the medical necessity for the use of QUTENZA for your patient. Otherwise, QUTENZA treatment and its administration may not be covered by the patient's insurance. An approved prior authorization request confirms coverage, but it does not guarantee reimbursement.

While the format and requested information for a prior authorization may differ from health plan to health plan, examples of the type of information generally required are below:

- Diagnosis summary, including the ICD-10-CM code and date of diagnosis
- Diagnostic tests
- Summary of patient's medical history
- Severity of patient's condition, including comorbidities
- Previously administered treatments/procedures including dates, and any response to those interventions which may include:
  - Gabapentin, pregabalin, SSRIs, tricyclics, OTCs, topical capsaicin, lidocaine
- Relevant procedure and HCPCS codes
- Product prescribing information and NDC number
- Identifying information for the referring provider and servicing provider
- Number of treatments required

## QUTENZA® (capsaicin) 8% Topical System Patient Chart Documentation

Last Name		First Name		Today's Date		Chart #	
Date of Birth	Height	Weight	BP	Pulse	Respiratory Rate	Results per Minute	Date of Next Office Visit
<b>Patient History</b>							
1. Date of prior capsaicin 8% topical system treatment:		1st Date		2nd Date		3rd Date	
2. Please provide the patient's baseline Numeric Pain Rating Scale (NPRS) score (1st Treatment):		Please provide the patient's NPRS score:		2nd Treatment		3rd Treatment	
3. Please identify the main area(s) of pain on the body:		4. Please provide date of onset of pain:		5. Please provide date of onset of pain:		6. Please provide date of onset of pain:	
Which Side? <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral		Which Side? <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral		Which Side? <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral		Which Side? <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral	
6. Please check the appropriate boxes below to identify the main area(s) of pain on the foot (feet):							
<input type="checkbox"/> Left Foot		<input type="checkbox"/> Right Foot		<input type="checkbox"/> Left Foot		<input type="checkbox"/> Right Foot	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anterior		<input type="checkbox"/> Posterior		<input type="checkbox"/> Plantar		<input type="checkbox"/> Proximal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dorsal		<input type="checkbox"/> Medial		<input type="checkbox"/> Lateral		<input type="checkbox"/> Distal	
6. Check the words that best describe the patient's pain?							
<input type="checkbox"/> Aching		<input type="checkbox"/> Stabbing		<input type="checkbox"/> Numbing		<input type="checkbox"/> Burning	
<input type="checkbox"/> Itching		<input type="checkbox"/> Tingling		<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting		<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp	
<b>Diagnosis Codes</b> (It is solely the healthcare provider's responsibility to select the correct indication and codes.)							
<input type="checkbox"/> B02.23 Postherpetic neuralgia		<input type="checkbox"/> B02.29 Other postherpetic neuralgia		<input type="checkbox"/> B02.29 Other postherpetic neuralgia		<input type="checkbox"/> B02.29 Other postherpetic neuralgia	
<input type="checkbox"/> E08.40 Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified		<input type="checkbox"/> E08.42 Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> E08.42 Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> E08.42 Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy	
<input type="checkbox"/> E10.40 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified		<input type="checkbox"/> E10.42 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> E10.42 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> E10.42 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy	
<input type="checkbox"/> E11.40 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified		<input type="checkbox"/> E11.42 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> E11.42 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> E11.42 Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy	
<input type="checkbox"/> E13.40 Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified		<input type="checkbox"/> E13.41 Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> E13.41 Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> E13.41 Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy	
<input type="checkbox"/> E13.42 Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy		<input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<b>Performance Measurement CPT Codes</b> (It is solely the healthcare provider's responsibility to select the correct indication and codes.)							
<input type="checkbox"/> 90.1F Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level greater than or equal to 7.5% and less than 8.0% (DM)		<input type="checkbox"/> 90.2F Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level greater than or equal to 8.0% and less than 8.5% (DM)		<input type="checkbox"/> 90.3F Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level greater than or equal to 8.5% and less than 9.0% (DM)		<input type="checkbox"/> 90.4F Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level less than 7.0% (DM)	
<b>Drug Codes</b> (It is solely the healthcare provider's responsibility to select the correct indication and codes.)							
<input type="checkbox"/> HCPCS Code: J2306		<input type="checkbox"/> J2306 Modifier		<input type="checkbox"/> J2306 Modifier		<input type="checkbox"/> J2306 Modifier	
<input type="checkbox"/> NDC # 72513-003-01 One (1) Single-use topical system		<input type="checkbox"/> NDC # 72512-025-01 Two (2) Single-use topical systems		<input type="checkbox"/> NDC # 72512-025-01 Two (2) Single-use topical systems		<input type="checkbox"/> NDC # 72512-025-01 Two (2) Single-use topical systems	
<b>Administration Codes</b> (It is solely the healthcare provider's responsibility to select the correct indication and codes.)							
<input type="checkbox"/> CPT Code(s)		<input type="checkbox"/> HCPCS Code		<input type="checkbox"/> HCPCS Code		<input type="checkbox"/> HCPCS Code	
<b>Capsaicin 8% Topical System Applied Per Administration</b> (each unit is 1 unit)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Topical system (800 billing units)		<input type="checkbox"/> Topical system (800 billing units)		<input type="checkbox"/> Topical system (800 billing units)		<input type="checkbox"/> Topical system (800 billing units)	
<input type="checkbox"/> If Applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> If Applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> If Applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> If Applicable	
<input type="checkbox"/> System Lot #		<input type="checkbox"/> System Lot #		<input type="checkbox"/> System Lot #		<input type="checkbox"/> System Lot #	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exp Date		<input type="checkbox"/> Exp Date		<input type="checkbox"/> Exp Date		<input type="checkbox"/> Exp Date	
<b>Prescribed Use</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Authorization: 270 Days (9 months) (3 applications)		<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of Therapy: 12 Months (9 applications)		<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of Therapy: 12 Months (9 applications)		<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of Therapy: 12 Months (9 applications)	
<b>Additional Notes</b>							

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Averitas offers helpful resources that you can use when documenting medical necessity for QUTENZA. The Patient Chart Documentation Form allows you to capture important information in a patient's chart that may be required for the prior authorization, such as diagnosis code, patient's Numeric Pain Rating Scale Score, and A1C level. To download the form, visit [QUTENZAhcp.com](https://www.qutenzahcp.com) or ask your **Averitas Field Access Manager** for more information.

Download Patient Chart Documentation Form at [QUTENZAhcp.com/pdfs/QUTENZA\\_Patient\\_Chart\\_Documentation.pdf/](https://www.qutenzahcp.com/pdfs/QUTENZA_Patient_Chart_Documentation.pdf)



# Drafting a Letter of Medical Necessity

LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY  
(To be completed by prescriber and printed on letterhead)

[Date]

[Name of Health Insurance Company]  
[PIN]  
[Address]  
[City, State, ZIP]

Re: Letter of Medical Necessity for QUTENZA<sup>®</sup> (capsaicin) 8% Topical System

Patient: [Patient Name]  
Group/Policy Number: [Number]  
Diagnosis: [Code and Description]  
Date of Diagnosis: [Date]

Dear [Insert contact name or department]:

I am writing on behalf of my patient, [Patient Name], to document medical necessity for treatment with QUTENZA<sup>®</sup> (capsaicin) 8% topical system. [Patient Name] was first diagnosed with [The patient's diagnosis (ICD-10-CM code) or (State of diagnosis). Therapies prescribed to treat the condition include (list the names of current or past treatments).

At this time, I plan to start [Patient Name] on a course of treatment with QUTENZA.

[Patient Name] will be treated with [capsaicin] systems on [specify treatment area(s)] for [number of treatment cycles] treatment cycles.

[Insert a statement describing how the patient's disease is impacting the patient's health.]

In my professional opinion, QUTENZA is medically necessary and is an appropriate drug for [Patient Name] at this time. I have enclosed the prescribing information for QUTENZA along with [Patient Name]'s (or patient's) enclosure such as prior medication flow sheets and chart notes. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

[Physician Name]  
[Physician Signature]  
[Provider Identification Number]

Enclosures: [List and attach as appropriate]

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Additional support for medical necessity may be required. This form letter can be used to help you draft a letter to support the need for QUTENZA for a patient. Always check to see if the patient's health insurance has their own template for you to follow when submitting a letter of medical necessity.

Find the Sample Letter of Medical Necessity here at [QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/access/#resources](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/access/#resources)

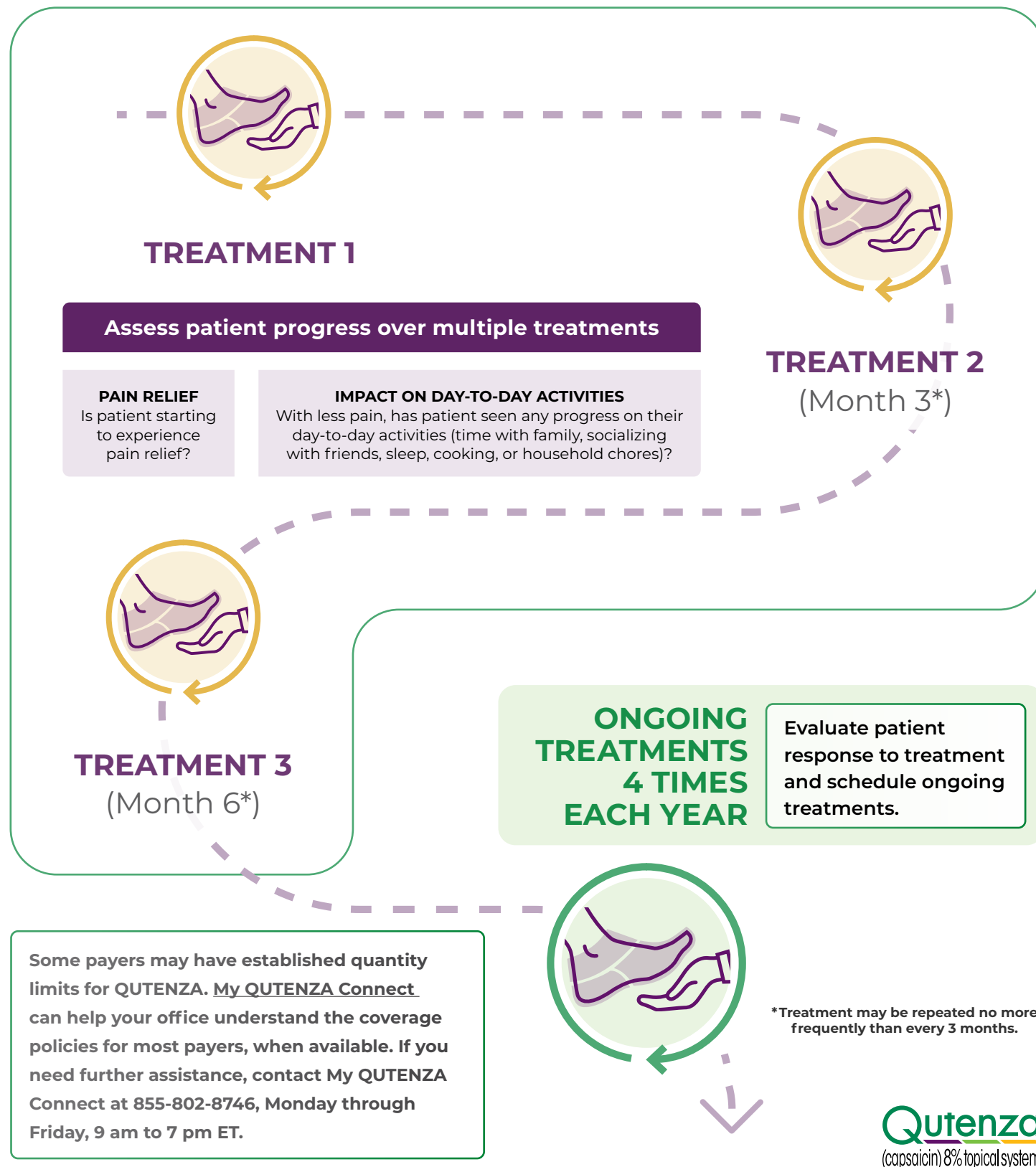
## Checklist for a Letter of Medical Necessity

- **Indicate whether the patient is newly initiating therapy or continuing ongoing therapy.** Requirements may differ, depending on where the patient is in the ongoing treatment being received.
- **Specify the likely date of service.** This will help confirm that coverage will be active at the time of QUTENZA administration.
- **Identify the need for multiple procedure codes, if necessary.** If a family of CPT codes is relevant, be proactive and request preauthorization for those codes. Many payers will not allow for a CPT code they did not authorize.
- **State the specific site of service.** Payers may have differing coverage and reimbursement policies that are based on the geographic location of the site of care.
- **Identify the prescribing specialist.** Plan managers may want to verify that QUTENZA was prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist.
- **Be clear and detailed regarding the rationale for prescribing QUTENZA.** Ensure that all supporting documentation is complete before submitting the form(s).
- **Append supporting documentation.** Types of relevant documentation may include peer-reviewed, nationally recognized guidelines (eg, ADA Clinical Compendia, AACE Clinical Practice Guideline) or the prescribing information.

This Letter of Medical Necessity form is for educational purposes only and serves as a guide for the HCP. The HCP must modify the format of the letter and include the appropriate detail to reflect the patient's specific facts and circumstances, or to include specific information that may be required by individual payers.

# Requesting the Prior Authorization

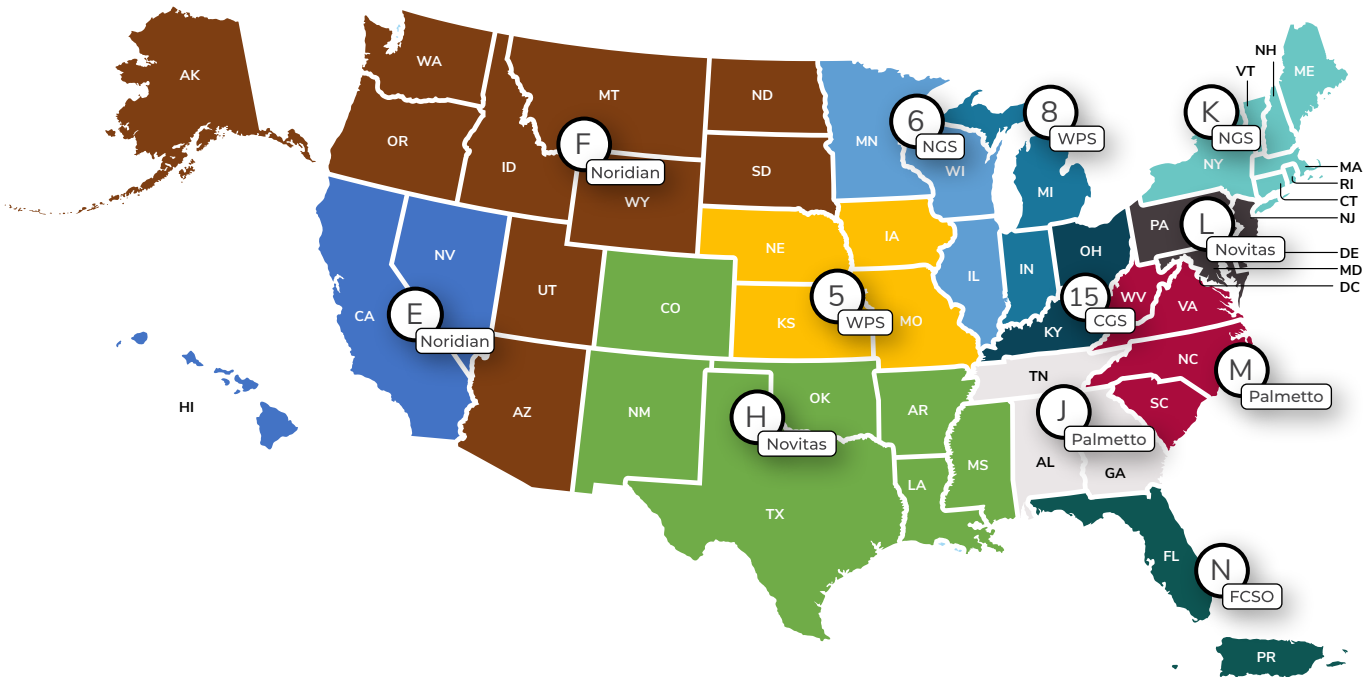
For safety and cost reasons, plans may set quantity limits on the amount of therapy they cover over a certain period of time. When submitting a prior authorization request, you may ask to obtain preauthorization for the full number of treatments of QUTENZA for your patient rather than to submit a new request in advance of each treatment. Treatments may be repeated no more frequently than every 3 months, which equals up to 4 treatments a year.



# Contacting a Payer

Contact a payer via their dedicated provider services phone number or through their online portal. When calling, have the patient's insurance details, the provider's information, and the specifics of the service or procedure you are inquiring about ready to ensure a smooth and efficient discussion.

## Medicare Part B Jurisdictions<sup>1</sup>



Medicare has established provider contact centers for those who may have questions about any product or service prior to submitting any claim.

Jurisdiction	IVR	Jurisdiction	IVR	Jurisdiction	IVR
5	866-518-3285	E	855-609-9960	K	877-869-6504
6	877-908-9499	F	877-908-8431	L	877-235-8073
8	866-234-7331	H	855-252-8782	M	855-696-0705
15	866-276-9558	J	877-567-7271	N	877-847-4992

All commercial claims should be addressed by calling the number on the back of the member's ID card

Questions?  
Contact your Field Access Manager.  
[QUTENZAhcp.com/request-a-rep/](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/request-a-rep/)

# Acquiring QUTENZA



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# Qutenza®

(capsaicin) 8% topical system



**QUTENZA** is a single-use topical system stored in a foil pouch. Each QUTENZA is 14 cm x 20 cm (280 cm²). QUTENZA is supplied with post-application Cleansing Gel that is used to remove residual capsaicin from the skin after treatment.

Each topical system contains a total of 179 mg of capsaicin.

Packaging	NDC #72512-928-01	NDC #72512-929-01	NDC #72512-930-01
	Kit (carton) contains one single-use topical system and one 50 g tube of post-application Cleansing Gel	Kit (carton) contains two single-use topical systems and one 50 g tube of post-application Cleansing Gel	Kit (carton) contains four single-use topical systems and three 50 g tubes of post-application Cleansing Gel
Strength	Contains 8% capsaicin (640 mcg per cm²). Each QUTENZA topical system contains a total of 179 mg of capsaicin.		

## QUTENZA STORAGE AND HANDLING

- Store between 20°C and 25°C (68°F and 77°F).
- Excursions between 15°C and 30°C (59°F and 86°F) are allowed.
- Keep the topical system in the sealed pouch until immediately before use.
- Shelf life is 4 years for an unopened kit.
- Recommended to keep the package stored horizontally until use.



# Acquiring QUTENZA

## Via Specialty Distributors

- You may order from one of the specialty distributors included in the QUTENZA network. If you don't have an account, one should be created before ordering QUTENZA.

Authorized Specialty Distributor	Contact Information	Website
ASD Medical (Cencora)	Phone: 800-746-6273 Fax: 800-547-9413	<a href="http://asdhealthcare.com">asdhealthcare.com</a>
Besse Medical (Cencora)	Phone: 888-767-7123 Fax: 800-543-8695	<a href="http://besse.com/home">besse.com/home</a>
Cardinal Health Specialty Distribution	Phone: 855-300-3838 Fax: 888-345-4916	<a href="http://cardinalhealth.com">cardinalhealth.com</a>
Curascript Specialty Distribution	Phone: 877-599-7748 Fax: 800-862-6208	<a href="http://curascriptsd.com">curascriptsd.com</a>
McKesson Medical-Surgical	Phone: 855-571-2100 Fax: 866-906-5688	<a href="http://mms.mckesson.com">mms.mckesson.com</a>
McKesson Plasma & Biologics	Phone: 877-625-2566 Fax: 888-752-7626	<a href="http://connect.mckesson.com">connect.mckesson.com</a>
McKesson Specialty Health	Phone: 855-477-9800 Fax: 800-800-5673	<a href="http://mscs.mckesson.com">mscs.mckesson.com</a>

## Via Specialty Pharmacy

- Some payers may require use of a specific acquisition method. If you request a benefits investigation from My QUTENZA Connect, the office will be notified if the patient's payer requires QUTENZA to be purchased from a specific specialty pharmacy.



# Billing and Coding



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# Coding Claims

When the patient has received QUTENZA, the healthcare provider or organization may submit a claim to the patient's insurance plan. Depending on the patient's benefits, the healthcare provider or facility may submit a claim for the drug, for the administration services, or for both. The information within this section reviews some of the codes commonly associated with the administration of QUTENZA. **Determining coverage and reimbursement parameters and appropriate coding for a patient and/or procedure is always solely the responsibility of the provider.**

## QUTENZA Topical System Coding

HCPCS code (J-code)	<b>J7336</b>	QUTENZA (capsaicin) 8% topical system per square centimeter
	<b>J7336 JW</b>	Drug amount discarded
	<b>J7336 JZ</b>	Zero drug amount discarded
	CMS requires providers to report either the JW or JZ modifier on Medicare Part B claims for outpatient settings of care. <sup>2</sup>	
NDC numbers, 11-digit format	FDA lists NDCs in a 10-digit format, but payers often require an 11-digit NDC format for electronic claim forms. Review payer-specific requirements prior to submitting a claim.	
	<b>72512-0928-01</b>	(1 topical system and Cleansing Gel)
	<b>72512-0929-01</b>	(2 topical systems and Cleansing Gel)
	<b>72512-0930-01</b>	(4 topical systems and Cleansing Gel)
Additional claim information	Please consult with a patient's plan to determine what information, if any, should be provided.	
Number of units	1 topical system = 280 units	2 topical systems = 560 units
	3 topical systems = 840 units	4 topical systems = 1,120 units

## Diagnosis Coding

ICD-10-CM codes Postherpetic neuralgia – PHN	The following primary diagnosis codes may be appropriate to describe patients with diabetic postherpetic neuralgia (PHN):	
	<b>B02.23</b>	Postherpetic polyneuropathy
	<b>B02.29</b>	Other postherpetic nervous system involvement
ICD-10-CM codes Diabetic peripheral neuropathy – DPN of the feet	The following primary diagnosis codes may be appropriate to describe patients with diabetic peripheral neuropathy (DPN) of the feet:	
	<b>E08.40</b>	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified
	<b>E08.42</b>	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic polyneuropathy
	<b>E09.42</b>	Drug- or chemical-induced diabetes mellitus with neurological complications with diabetic polyneuropathy
	<b>E10.40</b>	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified
	<b>E10.42</b>	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic polyneuropathy
	<b>E11.40</b>	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified
	<b>E11.42</b>	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic polyneuropathy
	<b>E13.40</b>	Other specific diabetes mellitus with diabetic neuropathy, unspecified
	<b>E13.42</b>	Other specific diabetes mellitus with diabetic polyneuropathy

# Coding Claims (cont'd)

HCPs may need to consider several factors to ensure accurate billing and coding for services provided. How a procedure is performed, and how complex that procedure is, may determine the appropriate code to select. Also, please note that there may be different codes associated with where exactly on the body the procedure is performed. Finally, the use of modifiers may be appropriate, as explained below.

## Administration Coding

**No existing CPT code is specific to the application of QUTENZA. CPT coding requirements will vary by payer, setting of care, and date of service.**

CPT codes*	<b>64620</b>	Destruction by neurolytic agent, intercostal nerve
	<b>64632</b>	Destruction by neurolytic agent, plantar common digital nerve
	<b>64640</b>	Destruction by neurolytic agent, other peripheral nerve or branch
	<b>17999</b>	Unlisted procedure, skin, mucous membrane and subcutaneous tissue
	<b>64999</b>	Unlisted procedure, nervous system
	<b>96999</b>	Unlisted special dermatological service or procedure

## Evaluation and Management Coding

**If the QUTENZA application is performed during an Evaluation and Management (E&M) service, it may be appropriate to report an E&M code if the payer-specific requirements have been met. If providing a separate E&M service at the same time as the application, it may be appropriate to report the E&M code with a modifier.**

E&M codes*	<b>99202</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient that requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision-making. When using time for code selection, 15–29 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.
	<b>99203</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient that requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and low level of medical decision-making. When using time for code selection, 30–44 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.
	<b>99204</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient that requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and moderate level of medical decision-making. When using time for code selection, 45–59 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.
	<b>99205</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient that requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and high level of medical decision-making. When using time for code selection, 60–74 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.
	<b>99211</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient that may not require the presence of a physician or other qualified healthcare professional.
	<b>99212</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient that requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision-making. When using time for code selection, 10–19 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.
	<b>99213</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient that requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and low level of medical decision-making. When using time for code selection, 20–29 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.
	<b>99214</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient that requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and moderate level of medical decision-making. When using time for code selection, 30–39 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.
	<b>99215</b>	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient that requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and high level of medical decision-making. When using time for code selection, 40–54 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.

ICD-10-CM, International Classification of Diseases, 10th edition, Clinical Modification; HCPCS, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System; NDC, National Drug Code; CPT, current procedural terminology; E&M, evaluation and management

\*Please note that the use of modifiers may be appropriate.

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# Sample Forms by Treatment Setting

## CMS-1500: Physician Office Example

To receive reimbursement for QUTENZA administered in the physician office setting of care, providers must submit a CMS-1500 claim form for the drug and associated services.

### Example 1: JW Modifier

- A provider requires 2 topical systems to cover a treatment area of 560 cm<sup>2</sup> (560 units).
- Only 490 cm<sup>2</sup> (i.e., 490 units) was applied to the patient.
- The provider must bill the 490-unit dose on one line and must bill the discarded 70 units on another line using the JW modifier. Both line items will be processed for payment.

#### BOX 21

Enter the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code (this should be reflected in the patient's medical record).

#### BOX 19

Consult with the plan to determine what information, if any, should be provided.

#### BOX 23

Document prior authorization referral number from payer (if applicable).

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#### BOX 24A

When using a drug-related procedure code, a payer may require the N4 qualifier code followed by the 11-character NDC, the unit of measure qualifier, and quantity.

#### BOX 24D

Enter the appropriate HCPCS code for QUTENZA and CPT code(s) for administration services (add modifier, if applicable).

#### BOX 24G

Enter the number of billing units for the associated HCPCS and CPT codes.

### Example 2: JZ Modifier

- A provider requires 2 topical systems to cover a treatment area of 560 cm<sup>2</sup> (560 units).
- No topical system was discarded.
- The provider must include the JZ modifier to demonstrate that the entire product was administered to the patient.

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# Sample Forms by Treatment Setting (cont'd)

## Example 3: JZ, RT, and LT Modifier

- A provider requires 2 topical systems per foot to cover a treatment area of 560 cm<sup>2</sup> (560 units).
- No topical system was discarded.
- The provider must include the JZ modifier to demonstrate that the entire product was administered to the patient.

24. A.	DATE(S) OF SERVICE						B.	C.	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES				E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	J.
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2	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	11		J7336		JZ	LT			560		NPI	
3	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	11		CPT CODE						1		NPI	

UPPLIER INFORMATION

### CMS-1450: Outpatient Hospital Example

UB-04 is used for reimbursement for QUTENZA administered in an outpatient institutional setting, such as an outpatient hospital, a clinic, or an ambulatory surgical center.

**BOX 43**  
Description or NDC must be indicated.

**BOX 44**  
Enter the HCPCS code for the outpatient service (add modifier, if applicable).

**BOX 42**  
Medicare/Medicaid and most private payer claims must include revenue codes.

**BOX 46**  
Indicate the units of service used. Enter the number of units discarded (if applicable) on a separate line and include the JW modifier. If all units were administered, append the JZ modifier.

**BOX 66**  
Enter the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code (this should be reflected in the patient's medical record).

**BOX 80**  
Indicate the name of the drug, NDC, and route of administration.

42 REV. CO. TBD

43 DESCRIPTION  
QUTENZA (capsaicin 8% patch, 1 cm<sup>2</sup>)  
QUTENZA (capsaicin 8% patch, 1 cm<sup>2</sup>)  
INSERT CPT CODE DESCRIPTIONS

44 HCPCS / RATE / NPI'S CODE  
J7336  
J7336JW  
CPT CODE

45 SERV. DATE

46 SERV. UNITS  
490  
70  
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47 TOTAL CHARGES

48 NON-COVERED CHARGES

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51 HEALTH PLAN ID

52 PREL. INFO

53 ADL. BULK

54 PRIOR PAYMENTS

55 EST. AMOUNT DUE

56 NPI

57 OTHER PRV ID

58 PREL. 60 INSURED'S UNIQUE ID

61 GROUP NAME

62 INSURANCE CO.

63 TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION CODES

64 DOCUMENT CONTROL NUMBER

65 EMPLOYER NAME

66 ICD-10 CODE

67 ADMIT DATE

70 PATIENT REASON DX

71 PPS CODE

72 ECI

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74 PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE DATE

75 ATTENDING NP1

76 LAST

77 OPERATING NP1

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79 OTHER NP1

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# Appealing Denied Claims

Understanding the basis for a claim rejection is crucial in establishing the actions required to rectify the issue. Here are some common reasons a claim may be denied and actions one may take to overturn the decision.

Rejection Type	Required Action	
Technical	Incorrect patient ID, missing signatures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing or incorrect code (eg, transposed numbers)</li> <li>Incorrect units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call to correct</li> <li>Prepare and submit a corrected claim</li> </ul>
Billing	Non-covered or non-allowed service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service was unbundled</li> <li>Incorrect placement of service code</li> <li>Duplicate claim</li> <li>Invalid code</li> <li>Incorrect units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and submit a corrected claim</li> <li>Prepare and submit an appeal</li> </ul>
Medical Necessity	The diagnosis code is not covered for the services performed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical record documentation does not support the services performed as medically necessary and in accordance with the respective medical policy in place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and submit an appeal</li> </ul>
Payer Denial	The insurance payer will not pay for the product: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step edit, not on formulary</li> <li>Investigative product</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and submit an appeal</li> </ul>



Provide your submitted claim form, the provider explanation of benefits, and the Benefits Investigation Results to your **Averitas Field Access Manager** or **My QUTENZA Connect** to help assess the nature of the denial and learn the appropriate steps to correct.



# Submitting an Appeal Letter

**LETTER OF APPEAL, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION DENIAL, OR CLAIM DENIAL**  
(To be completed by provider and patient or authorized)

TO: (Name of Health Insurance Company)  
(Address)  
(City, State, ZIP)

Re: Letter of Appeal for Coverage of QUTENZA (capsaicin) 8% Topical System

Patient: (Patient Name)  
Insurance Number: (Insurance Number)  
Policy Number: (Policy Number)  
Signature: (Signature)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my patient, (Patient Name), to request reconsideration for the coverage of QUTENZA (capsaicin) 8% Topical System that was denied or delayed by your plan. (Describe the reason given in the denial letter below. Insert the following sentence if applicable: For your convenience, I have attached the prior authorization request for QUTENZA (capsaicin) 8% Topical System, which was approved on (Date).)

**Patient Name's relevant medical history, diagnosis, and treatment plan**

(The patient's diagnosis (ICD-10 code, date of diagnosis))  
 (The date of the patient's last visit and the date of denial)  
 (The results of the patient's medical history)  
 (Previous treatments, including drug therapy, duration of treatment, treatment responses, and reasons for discontinuation)  
 (The patient's disease progression, including relevant test results)  
 (Additional factors affecting treatment selection)

**Justification for medical necessity**

(State the medical necessity for the prescription of QUTENZA)  
 (Explain why the plan requirement is not appropriate for the patient)  
 (List conditions about the treatment or being approved: these may include your experience with other therapies, drug side effects, and any patient-specific considerations)

(Insert a plan of treatment (e.g., number of options, duration of treatment, treatment goals))

**Summary**

Given the evidence provided, I am confident you will agree that treatment with QUTENZA is medically necessary for (Patient Name). It is requested that (Patient Name) receive prior authorization consideration for the use of QUTENZA (capsaicin) 8% Topical System for (Patient Name) because the use (give specific condition(s) need), the appropriate prior approval status and reimbursement of this use. Please contact me at (phone number) if you need any additional information.

In some cases, a denied claim can be resolved over the phone, but in other cases, the provider may need to complete and submit an appeal letter.

Find the Sample Letter of Appeal at  
[QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/access/#resources](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/dpn/access/#resources)

## Checklist for an Appeal Letter

- **Acknowledge the reason for the denial.** This ensures the recipient knows that you are aware of the health plan's coverage policies.
- **Stick to the facts of the case.** Do not include any conjecture.
- **Know your contract.** To prove or support your case, refer to the relevant contract page/section/paragraph number.
- **Cite specific laws, when applicable.** Strengthen your points with examples of relevant regulations, such as timely filing and prompt payment laws.
- **Do the math for the plan.** If an underpayment was made, identify specifically what happened; some examples may include missed CPT codes, wrong payment rates, or use of modifiers indicating bilateral procedures.
- **Attach supporting documentation.** Types of relevant documentation include claim forms, physician notes, or records describing the rationale for any modifiers applied to the claim.
- **Write/type clearly and concisely.** Ensure that your arguments are reasonable, clearly articulated, and supported by the enclosed documentation; be direct and get to the point quickly without including extraneous background or other information.
- **Sign your name.** Include your job title.
- **Upload or e-mail documentation as directed by payer, otherwise send via USPS registered mail.** Copy and direct the contents of your appeal to appropriate personnel within the practice, as well as the recipient's. Save all delivery confirmation details as proof of arrival at the destination.
- **Follow up.** If you receive no reply, check on the status of your request after the 30-day deadline has elapsed.

This Letter of Appeal form is for educational purposes only and serves as a guide for the HCP. The HCP must modify the format of the letter and include the appropriate detail to reflect the patient's specific facts and circumstances, or to include specific information that may be required by individual payers.

# Patient Cost Savings Program



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Integrating  
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My QUTENZA  
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# Supporting Your Patients During Treatment

My QUTENZA Connect Patient Cost Savings Program can help patients cover costs related to treatment with QUTENZA. Copayment assistance may be available for out-of-pocket copay or coinsurance costs related to QUTENZA prescriptions or administration costs.

## MEDICATION SAVINGS

Patients pay as little as  
**\$0** per treatment  
for their  
medication

UP TO \$5,000\* ANNUAL SAVINGS

\*Terms and conditions may apply.

## ADMINISTRATION SAVINGS

Patients pay as little as  
**\$0** per treatment  
for QUTENZA  
administration

UP TO \$1,500\* ANNUAL SAVINGS

\*Terms and conditions may apply.

## Patient Cost Savings Program

Your patient may be eligible for the Cost Savings Program if they:

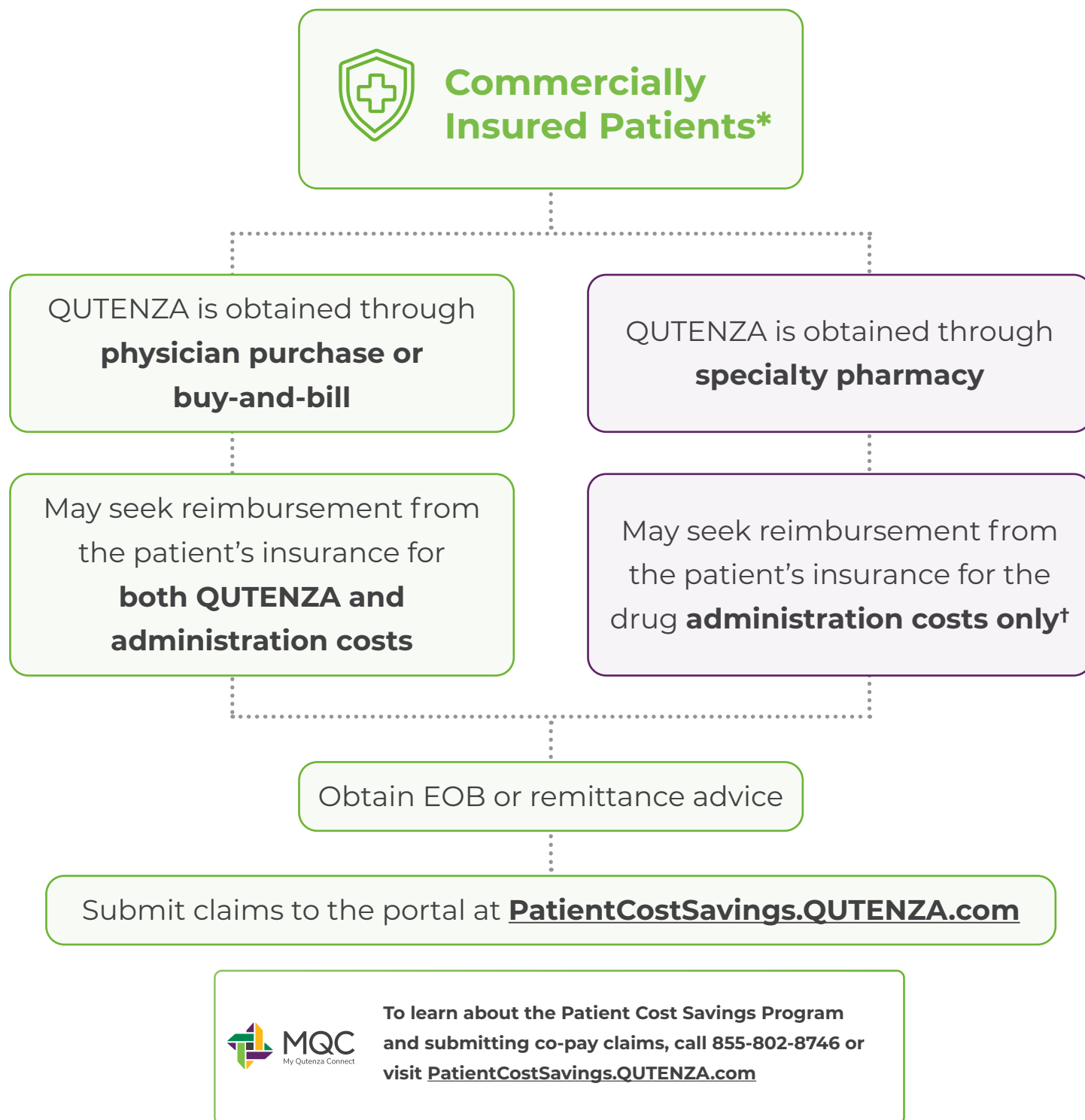
- Are using QUTENZA for an FDA-approved use
- Are 18 years of age or older
- Have commercial (private) insurance that covers QUTENZA
- Live and receive treatment in the United States
- Do not use a state or federal healthcare plan to pay for their medication — this includes, but is not limited to, Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE

See full terms and conditions at [QUTENZA.com/cost-savings](https://QUTENZA.com/cost-savings)

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# Enrolling Your Office Into the Patient Cost Savings Program

My QUTENZA Connect Cost Savings Program permits your office to enroll in the program whether you obtain QUTENZA through buy-and-bill purchase or a specialty pharmacy.



\*Patients can self-enroll into the Cost Savings Program. Additional information on the next page.

†The specialty pharmacy will submit and process the claim for the cost of the drug with the My QUTENZA Connect Cost Savings Program listed as the patient's secondary insurance.

# Patient Self-Enrollment Into the Patient Cost Savings Program



## MY QUTENZA CONNECT COST SAVINGS PROGRAM PATIENT ENROLLMENT FORM

Complete this form and include a copy of your EOB and Proof of Payment for QUTENZA to apply for the My QUTENZA Connect Cost Savings Program

1. Complete the information requested below and sign this form

2. Include a copy of your EOB and Proof of Payment

3. Mail your signed form, EOB and Proof of Payment to the address to the right

NOTE: Additional documentation, such as proof of billed claims or a CMS 1500 form, may be requested.

### Assignment of benefits:

☐ If you paid your bill in full prior to the procedure and want the remittance check sent directly to you, **check this box and complete Section A only.** Proof of payment is required.

☐ If you did not pay your bill prior to the procedure and need the remittance payment sent directly to your provider's office, **check this box and complete Section A. NOTE: Section B must be completed by your provider.**

RQVIA, Inc.  
Attn: Claims Processing Dept.  
77 Corporate Drive  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

### A. PATIENT TO COMPLETE: Fill out the patient information section and submit this form with a copy of your EOB and Proof of Payment.

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

☐ By signing above, you attest that the information provided in this claim is accurate, that expenses requested for payment here were eligible, actually incurred, and that they were not and will not be paid by your insurance. Please indicate your insurance type: Health Savings Account (HSA), Health Savings Account (HSA) or any other payer. You attest that you are not covered under Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, Veterans Affairs (VA), or Department of Defense (DOD), or any other government plan or federally-funded program, and you understand that you are liable for any nonpayment of applicable law. You attest that the use of QUTENZA is for an FDA-approved use, specifically diabetic nerve pain of the feet or post-herpetic nerve pain. Please see page 2 for full Eligibility Criteria, Terms, and Conditions.

### HEALTHCARE PROVIDER DIRECTIONS

Complete the treatment details in the section below, including the total amount(s) billed to insurance, in order to allow the patient to submit the form. By completing Section B below, you understand that payment will be remitted directly to you and not the patient.

### B. PROVIDER TO COMPLETE: Provider to complete in order to remit payment directly to the provider, and not the patient.

#### Proof of Treatment

Medication Administration ☐ Yes ☐ No Date of QUTENZA Treatment: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

CPT code billed: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount billed for administration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Proof of QUTENZA

☐ QUTENZA I/736 Total amount billed to insurance for QUTENZA \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Specialty pharmacy utilized

Authorized office staff name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ By signing above, you attest that the information provided in this claim is accurate, that expenses requested for payment here were eligible, actually incurred, and that they were not and will not be paid by the patient's insurance. Please indicate your insurance type: Health Savings Account (HSA), Health Savings Account (HSA) or any other payer. You attest that the patient is not covered under Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, Veterans Affairs (VA), or Department of Defense (DOD), or any other government plan or federally-funded program, and you understand that you are liable for any nonpayment of applicable law. You attest that the use of QUTENZA is for an FDA-approved use, specifically diabetic nerve pain of the feet or post-herpetic nerve pain. Please see page 2 for full Eligibility Criteria, Terms, and Conditions.

Administering HCP name: \_\_\_\_\_ Practice NPI #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Office phone: \_\_\_\_\_

QUTENZA Savings Program is used only in conjunction with a commercial payer Questions? Call 833-295-3579

The categories of personal information collected in this form include name, date of birth, and treatment details. The personal information collected will be used for enrollment from submission and eligible approval for QUTENZA Savings Program and to perform research activities on a de-identified basis. For more information about the categories of personal information collected by Aetna and the purposes for which Aetna uses personal information visit <https://www.aetna.com/privacy-center>

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Patients may also self-enroll in the My QUTENZA Connect Cost Savings Program by mailing a patient enrollment form. Payment may be remitted either to the patient or to the provider's office.

Download the Patient Enrollment Form at [QUTENZAhcp.com/pdfs/My QUTENZA Connect Patient Cost Savings Enrollment Form.pdf](https://QUTENZAhcp.com/pdfs/My_QUTENZA_Connect_Patient_Cost_Savings_Enrollment_Form.pdf)



# Frequently Asked Questions



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why doesn't QUTENZA have a specific procedure code?

CPT codes, or Current Procedural Terminology codes, are a set of medical codes used by healthcare providers to document and bill for procedures and services. They are part of a standardized system developed by the American Medical Association to ensure uniformity in the reporting and billing of medical, surgical, and diagnostic services across the healthcare industry. CPT codes are designed primarily to cover procedures, services, and tests rather than the specific products (such as drugs) used within those procedures. Claims processing systems are capable of linking the CPT code to product-specific codes (e.g., Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes), as needed.

## What procedure code should I use?

Determining coverage and reimbursement parameters and appropriate coding for a patient and/or procedure is always solely the responsibility of the provider.

HCPs may need to consider several factors to ensure accurate billing and coding for services provided. How a procedure is performed, and how complex that procedure is, may determine the appropriate code to select. Also, please note that there may be different codes associated with where exactly on the body the procedure is performed. Finally, the use of modifiers may be appropriate as explained above. Adhering to these guidelines will assist in achieving precise billing and securing appropriate reimbursement for healthcare services.

## What documentation should I submit when seeking reimbursement using an unlisted CPT code?

Unlisted codes do not correspond to a specific procedure or service. In instances where an unlisted code is utilized, your office may be required, depending on the insurer, to furnish detailed information about the procedure. This may include a comprehensive description of the procedure itself, the amount of time it took, the level of effort expended, and the equipment necessary to perform the service. Additionally, you might be asked to identify a comparable procedure with an existing CPT code. Some insurers may specify which existing code to use for comparison, while others will leave it to your discretion to choose the most analogous listed code. The insurer will then assess the similarities and differences between your provided description and the comparable listed procedure to determine the appropriate reimbursement for the unlisted code.

## May I obtain QUTENZA from a local specialty pharmacy?

QUTENZA is available via an authorized specialty pharmacy network. Please contact [My QUTENZA Connect](#) or the specialty pharmacy directly to determine if QUTENZA is available.

## How long will it take for claims from the My QUTENZA Connect Cost Savings Program to be processed?

It may take up to 4 weeks for the claim to be processed.

## I received a denial because we administered the drug when the prior authorization was "pending." Now what do we do?

For more information on appealing claims, contact your Averitas Field Access Manager or [My QUTENZA Connect](#).

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