Field Name	Field Description
Prior	
Authorization	Qalsody (tofersen)
<b>Group Description</b>	
Drugs	Qalsody (tofersen)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following
	sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex,
	American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States
	Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional
	(USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific
	standard of care guidelines.
<b>Exclusion Criteria</b>	See "Other Criteria"
<b>Required Medical</b>	See "Other Criteria"
<u>Information</u>	See Other Criteria
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
<u>Prescriber</u>	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist, neuromuscular
Restrictions	specialist, or physician specializing in the treatment of amyotrophic
	<u>lateral sclerosis (ALS)</u>
Coverage	If all the criteria are met, initial and renewal requests will be
<b>Duration</b>	approved for 6 months
Other Criteria	**Drug is being requested through the member's medical benefit**
Review/Revision Date: 7/2023	<ul> <li>Diagnosis of ALS</li> <li>Documentation of genetic test confirming a mutation in the superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1) gene</li> <li>Member is not dependent on invasive ventilation or tracheostomy</li> <li>Documentation of slow vital capacity (SVC) ≥ 50%</li> <li>Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose</li> <li>Re-Authorization:</li> <li>Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (e.g., reduction in the mean concentration of neurofilament light [NfL] chains in the plasma, reduction in concentration of SOD1 in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), or improvement in the Revised ALS Functional Rating Scale (ALSFRS-R) total score)</li> <li>Member is not dependent on invasive ventilation or tracheostomy</li> <li>Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose</li> </ul>
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.