

**BRAND BISPHOSPHONATE Step**

**GPI CODING:**

300420102003**	Fosamax Plus D
30042010100870	Binosto
300420651003**	Actonel
30042065100635	Atelvia
30042070100320	Skelid

**DESCRIPTION:**

Oral bisphosphonates, including alendronate (FOSAMAX PLUS D, BINOSTO), ibandronate (BONIVA), tiludronate (SKELID), and risedronate (ACTONEL, ATELVIA), are inhibitors of osteoclast-mediated bone resorption, thereby increasing bone mineral density and reducing fracture risk. Bisphosphonates are a primary therapy for the management and prevention of osteoporosis. Bisphosphonates are also used to manage other skeletal conditions including malignancies to the bone and Paget's disease of the bone.

**APPROVAL DURATION:**

Approval duration: lifetime

**CRITERIA FOR BISPHOSPHONATE STEP**

- I. Patient had a trial or is intolerant to a generic bisphosphonate