

#### GPI CODING:

Flector	90210030205920
Pennsaid	90210030302025

#### DESCRIPTION:

Diclofenac epolamine is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). In pharmacological studies, diclofenac has shown anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antipyretic activity. The anti-inflammatory and analgesic effects are attributed to its ability to inhibit cyclooxygenase, leading to reduced synthesis of prostaglandins, prostacyclin, and thromboxanes.

#### APPROVAL DURATION:

Approval duration: 1 year

#### CRITERIA FOR FLECTOR & PENNSAID

- I. Patient requires NSAID treatment for pain relief in only one area or joint [e.g., knee(s)] in the body AND
- II. Patient demonstrated an inadequate treatment response to, intolerance to, or had a confirmed adverse event to at least TWO prescription NSAIDs (one being oral diclofenac) or salicylates AND
- III. Patient does not have a history of asthma, urticaria or other allergic type reactions after taking aspirin or other NSAIDs