**Sirturo® (bedaquiline)**

**THERAPY LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION:** 24 weeks

**REVIEW CRITERIA:**
- Patient must be ≥18 years old or 12 to 17 years of age and weighing at least 30kg.
- Patient must have a diagnosis of pulmonary multidrug-resistant tuberculosis; resistant to at least isoniazid and rifampin.
- Bedaquiline must be used in combination with ≥ 3 drugs to which the organism is susceptible or ≥ 4 drugs to which it is likely to be susceptible if test results are unavailable.

**DOSING & ADMINISTRATION:**
- Dosage: The recommended dosage of bedaquiline is 400 mg (4 tablets) once daily with food for weeks 1 and 2, followed by 200 mg (2 tablets) three times per week with food for weeks 3 through 24. The total duration of bedaquiline therapy is 24 weeks. The tablets should be swallowed whole with water and food. The dose should be administered by directly observed therapy.
- Dosage Form: 100 mg tablet