DESCRIPTION: Corticosteroids are extremely potent vasoconstrictors and have high anti inflammatory activity. Inhaled steroids have a direct local effect. The effectiveness is based on anti-inflammatory activity, immunosuppressive properties, and antiproliferative action.

INDICATION(S): Treatment of Seasonal allergic rhinitis  
Treatment of Perennial allergic rhinitis  
Treatment of non allergic rhinitis  
Treatment of recurrence of nasal polyps following surgery

REASONS FOR Step Therapy: □ Cost  □ Potential for misuse  □ Toxicity

CRITERIA for APPROVAL: The patient has had one 30-day trial of one of the following: generic Fluticasone propionate, Nasacort –OTC, flunisolide fluticasone OTC, before other products can be used.

REASONS for DENIAL of BENEFIT: Patient does not meet above criteria.

BENEFIT APPROVAL: Approval for two years