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NYRx Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

On May 18, 2023, the New York State Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board recommended changes to the Medicaid pharmacy prior authorization programs. The Commissioner of Health has reviewed the recommendations of the Board and has approved changes to the Preferred Drug Program (PDP) within the fee-for-service (FFS) pharmacy program.

Effective **August 3, 2023**, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for some drugs in the following PDP classes:

- Angiotensin Receptor Blockers
- Angiotensin Receptor Blocker Combinations
- Triglyceride Lowering Agents
- Anticonvulsants, Other
- Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors
- Psoriasis Agents, Topical
- Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP-4) Inhibitors
- Glucagon Agents
- Glucagon-like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Agonists
- Proton Pump Inhibitors
- Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents
- Immunosuppressives, Oral
- Antihistamines, Ophthalmic
- Urinary Tract Antispasmodics
- Anticholinergic / COPD Agents
- Antihistamines, Second Generation
- Beta2 Adrenergic Agents, Inhaled, Long Acting

For more detailed information on the DUR Board, please refer to:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/dur/index.htm

For the most up-to-date information on NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization (PA) Programs please refer to the NYRx Preferred Drug List (PDL) found at

https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_PDL.pdf This document contains a listing of drugs/classes that may be subject to NYRx Pharmacy Program specific criteria. Not all agents covered by NYRx are listed on the PDL. For a complete list of drugs covered by NYRx, visit the Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs found at <https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx>

To obtain a PA, please contact the clinical call center at 1-877-309-9493. The clinical call center is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with pharmacy technicians and pharmacists who will work prescribers or their authorized agent, to quickly obtain a PA.

Additional information is available at the following websites:

NYRx, The Medicaid Pharmacy Program

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/pharmacy.htm and

<http://newyork.fhsc.com>

Medicaid practitioner administered drug policy and Medicaid fee-for service clinical criteria worksheets

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/practitioner_administered/ffs_practitioner_administer.htm

eMedNY <http://www.eMedNY.org>

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