



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Dear Medicaid Provider:

The New York State Medicaid Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP) is expanding to include additional drugs. Prescriptions written on or after July 30, 2008 for the following drugs will require prior authorization:

- exenatide (Byetta®)
- fentanyl buccal tablet (Fentora®)
- fentanyl lozenge (Actiq®)
- lidocaine patch (Lidoderm®)

Prescriptions for drugs subject to the CDRP carry a prior authorization number ending with a "W". Pharmacists are required to validate the prior authorization number prior to dispensing. To validate a prior authorization for a CDRP drug, please call the prior authorization Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system at 1-877-309-9493. **Be sure to listen for the appropriate prompts.** The clinical call center is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Additional information, including updated CDRP prior authorization forms, is available at:

www.nyhealth.gov or newyork.fhsc.com or www.eMedNY.org

If you have any questions or wish to obtain additional information regarding Medicaid pharmacy prior authorization programs, please call the clinical call center at 1-877-309-9493. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to provide a quality pharmacy program for Medicaid enrollees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kelley Cherubin".

Mary Kelley Cherubin
Preferred Drug Program Manager
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