

NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Antipsychotics – Second Generation

NYRx Preferred Drug List

Drugs in the Antipsychotics – Second Generation drug class are included on the [NYRx Preferred Drug List \(PDL\)](#) and are subject to prior authorization (PA) requirements:

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Prior Authorization Requirements

- Preferred drugs will not require PA if the required coverage parameters are found in the member's Medicaid claim history at the time of pharmacy claim submission and if clinical criteria are met as outlined on the [PDL](#). Patients who are stabilized on a non-preferred drug may continue to receive that drug without PA.
- Clinical Criteria requirements outlined in the [PDL](#) are in response to recommendations from the Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB), FDA labeling, and/or clinical practice guidelines and include:
 - Confirm diagnosis of FDA-approved or compendia-supported indication.
 - Clinical editing will allow patients currently stabilized on a non-preferred agent to continue to receive that agent without PA.
 - PA is required when an oral SGA is utilized above the highest maximum daily dose according to FDA labeling.
 - PA is required for patients less than 21 years of age when there is concurrent use of two or more different oral antipsychotics for greater than 90 days, or for patients 21 years of age or older when 3 or more different oral SGAs are used for more than 180 days.
 - PA is required for the initial prescription for beneficiaries younger than the drug specific minimum age indicated in the above chart.

- Require confirmation of diagnosis that supports the concurrent use of an SGA and a CNS Stimulant for patients less than 18 years of age.
- Step Therapy (ST) requirements outlined in the [PDL](#):
 - For all SGAs used in the treatment of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) in the absence of other psychiatric comorbidities, a trial with at least two different antidepressant agents is required.
- Frequency/Quantity/Duration (F/Q/D) requirements outlined in the [PDL](#):
 - quetiapine/quetiapine ER (Seroquel®/ Seroquel XR®): Minimum 50 mg/day
 - quetiapine (Seroquel®): Maximum 3 units per day, 90 units per 30 days
 - Quetiapine ER (Seroquel XR®): Maximum 50 mg, 2 units per day, 60 units per 30 days
- Dose Optimization (DO) requirements outlined in the [PDL](#) for the following drugs are:

Brand Name	Dose Optimization Limitations		
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM			
Antipsychotics – Second Generation			
Abilify® 2 mg	4 daily	Tablet	In case of dose titration for these medications, the Department will allow for multiday dosing (up to 2 doses/daily) for titration purposes for three months
Abilify® 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
aripiprazole 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
Invega® 1.5 mg, 3 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
Latuda® 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
olanzapine 5 mg, 10 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
olanzapine ODT 5 mg, 10 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
paliperidone er 1.5 mg, 3 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
quetiapine fumarate er 200 mg, 150 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
Rexulti® 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
Seroquel® XR 150 mg, 200 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
Vraylar® 1.5 mg, 3 mg	1 daily	Capsule	
Zyprexa® Zvdis 5 mg, 10 mg	1 daily	Tablet	

Note: In case of dose titration for these medications, multiday dosing (up to 2 doses/daily) for titration purposes for three months will be allowed.

Olanzapine/Fluoxetine (Symbyax®)

- When prescribing for the treatment of MDD in the absence of other psychiatric comorbidities, a trial with at least one different antidepressant agent other than fluoxetine is required.
- PA is required for the initial prescription for beneficiaries younger than ten years.

What Providers Need to Know

- Pharmacy providers should become familiar with the Antipsychotics – Second Generation coverage criteria and the [PDL](#) and incorporate this information when discussing the need for PA with prescribers.

- State law requires Medicaid to cover an FDA-approved generic product, where an A-rated generic equivalent is available, instead of the brand name drug. Coverage of brand name drugs that are in the Mandatory Generic Drug Program will require a prior authorization. Drugs in the Preferred Drug Program (PDP) or the Brand Less than Generic (BLTG) Program are excluded from this requirement. For more information, see the [Overview of the Mandatory Generic Drug Program \(MGDP\)](#).
- Olanzapine/Fluoxetine (Symbyax®) is part of the MGDP due to the additional criteria required if the brand is requested.

What Prescribers Need to Do

- Prescribers should become familiar with the Antipsychotics – Second Generation coverage criteria and the [PDL](#) and incorporate this information when prescribing for Medicaid members.
- Prescribers should ensure that medical records are up to date with appropriate diagnosis for members.
- If a PA is needed, prescribers should utilize the [NYRx the Medicaid Pharmacy Program Atypical Antipsychotics \(AAP\) Prior Authorization Worksheet](#). This worksheet outlines requirements, including ICD code to confirm diagnoses and other necessary clinical information needed for submission of a PA.

Resources

- [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#)
- [NYRx Overview of the Mandatory Generic Drug Program](#)
- [NYRx Preferred Drug List](#)
- [NYRx Prior Authorization Submission Guide](#)
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