

NYRx Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

On May 15, 2026, the New York State Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB) recommended changes to NYRx, the Medicaid Drug program. The Commissioner of Health has reviewed the recommendations and approved the following changes effective **October 22, 2026**:

- Prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for drugs in the following Preferred Drug Program (PDP) classes:
 - Antibiotics, Inhaled
 - Antibiotics, Vaginal (New PDP drug class)
 - Lipotropics, Other (New PDP drug class)
 - Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) Agents, Other
 - Immunomodulators & Related Agents, Topical
 - Glucagon Agents
 - Growth Hormone
 - Insulin, Rapid Acting
 - Hemophilia Agents, Other
 - Immunomodulators, Systemic
- Drug utilization review (DUR) criteria will be added to the following drug classes for the treatment of headache:
 - Butalbital-Containing Agents
 - Ergotamine Derivatives

Pursuant to Medicaid Drug Cap Legislation, the DURB reviewed indications, comparative products, and international pricing for the two available dosage forms of Entyvio and established a manufacturer target rebate amount.

For additional information about these recommendations and the DURB, providers should refer to the NYS Department of Health "Drug Utilization Review (DUR)" web page at:

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

For additional information regarding NYRx PA criteria, providers should refer to the *NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program Preferred Drug List*, located at:

https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_PDL.pdf.

To review a list of preferred products that generally do not require a PA when prescribed according to FDA labeling (unless otherwise indicated), providers should refer to the *NYRx Preferred Drug Quick List*,

located at: https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_quicklist.pdf.

For a complete list of drugs covered by NYRx, providers should refer to the *Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs*, located on the eMedNY "Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs" web page, at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx>.

Electronic PA requests are now accepted by NYRx via CoverMyMeds®, located at: <https://www.covermymeds.health/about>. Consider this option as an effective and efficient way to request a PA. PA requests can also be submitted by phone at 1-877-309-9493 or by fax at 1-800-268-2990 to the NYRx Clinical Call Center, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For additional information, providers should contact the NYRx Education & Outreach at NYRxEO@primetherapeutics.com.

For practitioner-administered drug *Clinical Criteria Worksheets*, prescribers and pharmacists should refer to the *New York State Medicaid Fee-for-Service Practitioner Administered Drug Policies and Billing Guidance*, located at: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/practitioner_administered/medicaid_ffs.htm.

Resources

Prime Therapeutics™ NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program website (<https://newyork.fhsc.com/>)
eMedNY website (<https://www.emedny.org/>)

New York State Department of Health "Welcome to NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program" web page (https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/pharmacy.htm)

New York State Department of Health website (<https://www.health.ny.gov>)

Prime Therapeutics™ NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program "NYRx Education & Outreach" web page (<https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/education-outreach.asp>)

Contact Information

The NYRx Education and Outreach Call Center is available by telephone at (833) 967-7310 or by email at NYRxEO@primetherapeutics.com, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The NYRx Education and Outreach team hosts virtual office hours each week for stakeholders to ask questions about NYRx and care coordination. Prescribers and pharmacists should visit the Prime Therapeutics™ NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program "NYRx Education & Outreach" web page, located at: <https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/education-outreach.asp>, for more information.