

Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

The New York State Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee recently recommended changes to the Medicaid pharmacy prior authorization programs. The Commissioner of Health has reviewed these recommendations and has approved changes to the Preferred Drug Program (PDP) and Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP) within the fee-for-service (FFS) pharmacy program.

Effective February 21, 2013, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for some drugs in the following PDP classes:

- Carbamazepine Derivatives
- Growth Hormones
- Other Agents for ADHD
- Second Generation Anticonvulsants

In addition, the CDRP will expand to include the following:

- Anabolic Steroids
- Central Nervous System Stimulants for patients age 18 years and older
- Truvada for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

A summary of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meeting and final determinations are available at the following website:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/ptcommittee/meetings/2012/11/ptsummary11-15-12_with_comm_final_determi.pdf

Below is a link to the most up-to-date information on the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs including a full listing of drugs subject to PDP, CDRP, the Drug Utilization Review Program (DUR), the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program (BLTG) and the Mandatory Generic Drug Program (MGDP):

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

To obtain a PA, please call the prior authorization 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 with you, or your agent, to quickly obtain PA.

Additional information, such as updated PA forms and clinical criteria for the PDP and CDRP, are available at the following websites:

<http://www.nyhealth.gov> or <http://newyork.fhsc.com> or <http://www.eMedNY.org>