

## Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

On September 17, 2015, 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 pharmacy program. **Effective November 19, 2015, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for some drugs in the following PDP classes:**

- Agents for Actinic Keratosis
- Anabolic Steroids - Topical
- Antipsychotics – Second Generation
- Insulin – Rapid Acting

The PDP has also expanded to include one additional drug class. Non-preferred drugs in the following class will require PA:

- Inhaled Antibiotics

**Also effective November 19, 2015, the fee-for-service pharmacy program will implement the following parameters recommended by the DUR Board:**

- Topical Compounded Prescriptions
  - Prior authorization required to ensure that topical compounded preparations are FDA approved or compendia supported
- Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin Kexin 9 (PCSK9) Inhibitors
  - Diagnosis Requirement: Familial Hypercholesterolemia (heterozygous or homozygous) or Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease
  - Require trial of statin therapy at maximum tolerated dosage
  - Require concurrent statin therapy

For more detailed information on the above DURB recommendations, please refer to the meeting summary at: [http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/dur/](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/dur/)

Please note that PA requirements are not dependent on the date a prescription is written. New prescriptions and refills on existing prescriptions require PA even if the prescription was written before the date the drug was determined to require PA.

Below is a link to the most up-to-date information on the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Prior Authorization (PA) Programs. This document contains a full listing of drugs subject to the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Programs:

[https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx\\_PDP\\_PDL.pdf](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.

Medicaid enrolled prescribers with an active e-PACES account can initiate PA requests through the web-based application PAXpress®. The website for PAXpress is <https://paxpress.nypa.hidinc.com/>. The website may also be accessed through the eMedNY website at <http://www.eMedNY.org>, as well as Magellan Medicaid Administration's website at <http://newyork.fhsc.com>.