



Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

On September 20, 2018, 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 (FFS) pharmacy program.

Effective December 6, 2018, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for some drugs in the following PDP classes:

- **Fluoroquinolones - Oral**
- **Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) Oral Agents, Other**
- **Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulants**
- **Helicobacter pylori Agents**
- **Immunomodulators – Systemic**
- **Anticholinergics/COPD Agents**

The following therapeutic class will be added to the Preferred Drug List (PDL):

- **Anti-inflammatories/Immunomodulators - Ophthalmic**

The following parameters will be implemented to ensure appropriate utilization:

- **Products for the Prevention of Migraine Headaches:**
 - Step Therapy: Trial of two (2) FDA-approved migraine prevention agents prior to a calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) receptor antagonist
 - Quantity Limit: Maximum of two (2) prefilled syringes/autoinjectors per thirty (30) days for erenumab

For detailed information on the above DUR Board recommendations, please refer to the meeting summary available at:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/dur/meetings/2018/.

For the most up-to-date information on the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Prior Authorization programs, please refer to the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at:

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 a 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 <https://www.emedny.org/>, as well as Magellan Medicaid Administration's website at <https://newyork.fhsc.com/>.