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### Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

On December 15, 2022, the New York State Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board recommended changes to NYRx, the Medicaid pharmacy program. The Commissioner of Health has approved the recommendations of the Board resulting in changes to the NYRx coverage criteria for the following drugs.

Effective April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, risdiplam (Evrysdi®) will have the following criteria:

- The patient must not have advanced disease (e.g., complete limb paralysis or permanent ventilator dependence).

For more detailed information on the DUR Board, please refer to:

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/dur/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/dur/index.htm)

Below is a link to the most up-to-date information on NYRx, the New York Medicaid Pharmacy Program Prior Authorization (PA) Programs. This document contains a full listing of drugs subject to the NYRx 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 contact the 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 can also initiate PA requests using a web-based application. PAXpress® is a web-based pharmacy PA request/response application accessible through a new button “PAXpress” located on eMedNY.org under the MEIPASS button.

Additional information is available at the following websites:

[https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/pharmacy.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/pharmacy.htm)

<http://newyork.fhsc.com>

<http://www.eMedNY.org>

<https://www.health.ny.gov>