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### **Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update**

On April 22, 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 June 25, 2015, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for some drugs in the following PDP classes:

- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) – Prescription
- Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEIs)
- Niacin Derivatives
- Triglyceride Lowering Agents
- Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulants
- Multiple Sclerosis Agents
- Anti-Virals – Topical
- Steroids, Topical – High Potency
- Glucagon-like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Agonists
- Anticoagulants – Oral
- Antibiotic/Steroids – Ophthalmic
- Urinary Tract Antispasmodics
- Anticholinergics/COPD Agents
- Beta<sub>2</sub> Adrenergic Agents – Inhaled Long-Acting

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/meetings/2015/04/summary\\_durb.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/dur/meetings/2015/04/summary_durb.pdf).

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.

The following is a link to the most up-to-date information on the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Prior Authorization programs. This document contains a full listing of drugs subject to PDP, Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP), DUR Program, Brand Less than Generic Program (BLTG), Dose Optimization Program and the Mandatory Generic Drug Program (MGDP):

[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>.