



Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

On September 15, 2016, the New York State Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB) recommended changes to the Medicaid pharmacy prior authorization programs. The Commissioner of Health has reviewed the recommendations of the Board and has approved the following changes to the Preferred Drug Program (PDP) within the fee-for-service pharmacy program.

Effective **November 17, 2016**, prior authorization (PA) requirements will change for some drugs in the following PDP classes:

- ARB Combinations
- Hepatitis C Agents – Direct Acting Antivirals
- Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) Oral Agents - Other

Also effective **November 17, 2016**, the fee-for-service pharmacy program will implement the following parameters recommended by the DURB:

- Gabapentin
 - Dose Limit: Based on maximum daily dose of 3600 mg per day
- Injectable Anticoagulants
 - Duration Limit: No more than 30 days for members initiating injectable anticoagulant therapy
 - Diagnosis Requirement: Documentation of FDA or Compendia-supported indication is required for patients requiring longer than 30 days of therapy
- Products for Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Diarrhea (IBS-D)
 - Diagnosis Requirements:
 - Alosetron: Adult females with severe IBS-D lasting ≥ 6 months who have failed other treatments
 - Eluxadoline: Adults with IBS-D
 - Step Therapy:
 - Alosetron: Trial with both eluxadoline AND rifaximin prior to using alosetron

For more detailed information on the above DURB recommendations, please refer to the meeting summary at: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/dur/meetings/2016/

Below is a link to the most up-to-date information on the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy 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

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 button “PAXpress” located on eMedNY.org under the MEIPASS button.

Additional information, such as the Medicaid Standardized PA form and clinical criteria are available at the following websites: <http://www.nyhealth.gov> or <http://www.eMedNY.org>, as well as Magellan Medicaid Administration's website at <http://newyork.fhsc.com>.