



## Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

On February 14, 2019, the New York State Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board recommended changes to the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs. The Commissioner of Health has reviewed the recommendations of the Board and has approved changes within the FFS pharmacy program.

Effective June 6, 2019, the following parameters will be implemented to ensure appropriate utilization:

- Prescriber intervention required for the initiation of gabapentin >900mg/day or pregabalin >150mg/day in patients currently on an opioid >50MME/day (morphine milligram equivalent);
- Prescriber intervention required for continuation of opioid therapy beyond an initial 7-day supply in patients established on gabapentin or pregabalin; and
- Quantity Limit:
  - pregabalin IR: 600mg per day
  - pregabalin ER: 660mg per day

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/2019/02/meeting\\_summary.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/dur/meetings/2019/02/meeting_summary.pdf).

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](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 <http://www.eMedNY.org>, as well as Magellan Medicaid Administration's website at <http://newyork.fhsc.com>.