



## Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

On February 16, 2017, the New York State Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board recommended changes to the Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization (PA) Programs. The Commissioner of Health has reviewed the recommendations of the Board and approved the changes to the Preferred Drug Program (PDP) within the Fee-For-Service (FFS) pharmacy program. **Effective April 20, 2017**, the FFS Pharmacy Program will implement the following parameters recommended by the DUR Board:

### Anti-Retroviral (ARV) Drug Interaction Updates

- Update system edits to include severity level 1 drug-drug interactions consistent with FDA (ARV) labeling.

### Zolpidem Clinical Updates

- Ensure edits for zolpidem dosages are consistent with FDA labeling inclusive of dosing parameters.
  - Dosing inconsistent with FDA labeling may require prescriber involvement.

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

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

Below is a link to the most up-to-date information on the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Prior Authorization (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](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, such as the Medicaid Standardized PA form and clinical criteria are available at the following websites:

<http://www.nyhealth.gov> or <http://newyork.fhsc.com> or <http://www.eMedNY.org>