

Prior Authorization

Some medications must be authorized for coverage because they're only approved or effective in treating specific illnesses, they cost more or they may be prescribed for conditions for which safety and effectiveness have not been well-established.

Reviewing Medications

Our review committee of independent doctors and pharmacists meets regularly to review medications and consider how they should be covered by pharmacy benefit plans. They also recommend prior authorization guidelines.

Safe and Effective

When making recommendations, the review committee focuses on proven medication safety, effectiveness and cost. The committee considers:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indications
- Manufacturer's package labeling instructions
- Well-accepted and/or published clinical recommendations

Getting a Short-Term Supply

If you must start taking a medication that requires prior authorization right away, two options may be available to you. First, ask your doctor if a sample is available. If not, check with your pharmacy to request a short-term supply of five days or less — keep in mind you will be responsible for the full cost at that time. If the prior authorization request is approved, then your pharmacist can dispense the rest of your prescription.

Requesting a Prior Authorization

You, your pharmacist or your doctor can start the prior authorization review process by contacting our prior authorization department. A pharmacy technician then works with your doctor to get the information needed for the review. Once we receive a completed prior authorization form from your doctor, we conduct a clinical review within two business days. We then send you and your doctor a letter regarding the prior authorization decision.

Prior Authorization List

Products on these pages may require prior authorization as determined by your specific benefit plan design. For more information, contact customer service at the number on the back of your benefit plan ID card.

Acne	Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis, Sotret
ADHD	Daytrana, Focalin XR, Intuniv, Kapvay, Metadate CD, Methylin Chew, Procentra Sol, Ritalin LA 10 mg, Strattera
Androgenic Agents	Androderm, Androgel, Android, Axiron, Delatestryl, Depo-Testosterone, Fortesta, Methitest, Striant, Testim, <i>testosterone cypionate</i> , <i>testosterone enanthate</i> , Testred
Antiarrhythmics	Multaq
Antibiotic	Dificid, Ketek, Zyvox
Anticoagulant	Pradaxa, Xarelto
Anticonvulsant	Onfi, Sabril
Antidepressant	Viibryd
Antidiabetic Agents	Cycloset
Antidotes	Ferriprox
Antiemetic	Cesamet, <i>dronabinol</i> , Emend, Marinol
Antifungal	<i>itraconazole</i> , Onmel, Sporanox
Antimalarial Agents	Qalaaquin
Antipsychotic	Fanapt/Fanapt Pak, Geodon, Invega, Latuda
Antiviral	Copegus, Rebetol, Ribapak, ribavirin
Antiviral Monoclonal Antibodies	Synagis
Anti-cataplexy	Xyrem
Asthma	Xolair
Cancer/Lymphoma	Abraxane, Afinitor, Alimta, Arzerra, Avastin, Bosulif, Campath, Caprelsa, Eligard, Erbitux, Erivedge, Femara, Folutyn, Gleevec, Halaven, Herceptin, Inlyta, Intron-A, Iressa, Istodax, Jakafi, Jevtana, Kyprolis, Nexavar, Novantrone, Ontak, Perjeta, Proleukin, Revlimid, Rituxan, Sprycel, Stivarga, Sutent, Sylatron, Synribo, Tarceva, Targretin, Tassigna, Thalomid, Torisel, Treanda, Trisenox, Tykerb, Vandetanib, Vectibix, Velcade, Votrient, Xalkori, Xgeva, Xtandi, Zaltrap, Zelboraf, Zolanza

Chemotherapy Protective Agent	<i>dexrazoxane</i> , Totect, Zinecard
Cholesterol Lowering	<i>simvastatin</i> 80 mg, Vytorin 10-80 mg, Zocor 80 mg
CNS Stimulant	Nuvigil, Provigil
COPD	Arcapta Neohaler, Daliresp
Cryopyrin-associated Periodic Syndromes	Arcalyst, Ilaris
Dermatological Agents	Picato
Endocrine/Metabolic Agents	Kalydeco, Korlym
Enzyme Replacement Therapy	Aldurazyme, Elaprase, Fabrazyme, Lumizyme, Myozyme, VPRIV
Gaucher Disease	Zavesca
Growth Hormone	Genotropin, Humatrope, Norditropin, Nutropin/AQ, Omnitrope, Saizen, Serostim, Tev-Tropin, Zorbtiv
Growth Hormone Receptor Antagonist	Somavert
Growth Hormone Releasing Factor (GRF) Analog	Egrifta
Hematological Agents	Soliris
Hematopoietic Growth Factors	Aranesp, Epogen, Leukine, Neulasta, Neumega, Neupogen, Nplate, Omontys, Procrit, Promacta
Hepatitis C	Incivek, Infergen, Pegasys, PEG-Intron, Victrelis
Hereditary Angioedema	Berinert, Cinryze, Firazyr, Kalbitor
Hormones - Miscellaneous	Makena, methyltestosterone/estrogen
Huntington's Disease	Xenazine
Hypnotics	chloral hydrate, flurazepam, Somnote
Immunoglobulins	Carimune Nanofiltered, Flebogamma, Gamastan S/D, Gammaked, Gammagard Liquid, Gammagard S/D, Gamunex, Hizentra, Octagam, Privigen, Vivaglobulin
Immunosuppressant	Zortress
Immunosuppressant - topical	Elidel, Protopic
Insulin-like Growth Factor	Increlex
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	Linzess, Lotronex
Multiple Sclerosis	Ampyra, Aubagio, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, Gilenya, Rebif, Tysabri

Narcotic Analgesic	Abstral, Actiq (<i>fentanyl oral transmucosal</i>), Butrans, Fentora, Lazanda, Onsolis, Subutex, Suboxone/SL
Neuromuscular Blocking Agent	Botox, Dysport, Myobloc, Xeomin
Non-narcotic Analgesic	Conzip
NSAID	Celebrex, Vimovo (electronic step edit)
Opioid-Induced Constipation	Relistor
Osteoporosis	Forteo, Prolia, Reclast
Paget's Disease	Reclast
Parkinson's Disease	Apokyn
Plaque Psoriasis	8-MOP, Amevive, Stelara, Oxoralen Ultra
Pseudobulbar Affect (PBA) Agents	Nuedexta
Pulmonary Hypertension Agents	Adcirca, Letairis, Revatio, Tracleer, Tyvaso, Veletri, Ventavis
Respiratory Agents	Glassia
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Actemra, Kineret, Orencia, Xeljanz
Somatostatic Agents	<i>octreotide</i> , Sandostatin, Somatuline
Stem Cell Mobilizer	Mozobil
TNF Antagonist	Cimzia, Enbrel, Humira, Remicade, Simponi
Vasopressin V₂-receptor Antagonist	Samsca
Viscosupplements	Euflexxa, Hyalgan, Orthovisc, Supartz, Synivsc, Synvisc One
Wound Care	Regranex



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