



Prior Authorization

Some medications must be authorized for coverage because they are 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
Antiarrhythmics	Multaq
Antibiotic	Ketek, Zyvox
Anticoagulant	Pradaxa
Anticonvulsant	Sabril
Antidepressant	Emsam
Antiemetic	Cesamet, Emend
Antifungal	Noxafil
Antimalarial Agents	Qualaquin
Antipsychotic	Clozaril (<i>clozapine</i>), Fanapt, Fazaclo, Invega
Antiviral	Copegus, Fuzeon, Rebetol, Ribapak, ribavirin
Antiviral Monoclonal Antibodies	Synagis
Anti-cataplexy	Xyrem
Asthma	Xolair
Cancer/Lymphoma	Afinitor, Arzerra, Avastin, Erbitux, Femara, Folutyn, Gleevec, Herceptin, Intron-A, Iressa, Istodax, Jevtana, Nexavar, Novantrone, Proleukin, Revlimid, Rituxan, Sprycel, Sutent, Tarceva, Tassigna, Thalomid, Torisel, Treanda, Tykerb, Vectibix, Votrient, Zolanza
CNS Stimulant	Nuvigil, Provigil
Cryopyrin-associated Periodic Syndromes	Arcalyst, Ilaris
Diabetes Mellitus	Symlin
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
Hematological Agents	Soliris

Hematopoietic Growth Factors	Aranesp, Epogen, Leukine, Neulasta, Neumega, Neupogen, Nplate, Procrit, Promacta
Hepatitis C	Infergen, Pegasys, PEG-Intron
Hereditary Angioedema	Berinert, Cinryze, Kalbitor
Huntington's Disease	Xenazine
Immunoglobulins	Carimune Nanofiltered, Flebogamma, Gamastan S/D, Gammagard Liquid, Gammagard S/D, Gamunex, Hizentra, Octagam, Privigen, Vivaglobulin
Immunosuppressant	Zortress
Insulin-like Growth Factor	Increlex
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	Lotronex
Multiple Sclerosis	Ampyra, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, Gilenya, Rebif, Tysabri
Narcotic Analgesic	Abstral, Actiq (<i>fentanyl oral transmucosal</i>), Butrans, Fentora, Onsolis, Subutex, Suboxone/SL
Neuromuscular Blocking Agent	Botox, Dysport, Myobloc, Xeomin
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
Pulmonary Hypertension Agents	Adcirca, Letairis, Revatio, Tracleer, Tyvaso, Ventavis
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Actemra, Kineret, Orenzia, Ridaura
Somatostatic Agents	octreotide, Sandostatin, Somatuline
Stem Cell Mobilizer	Mozobil
Testosterone	Androderm, Androgel, Striant, Testim, Delatestryl, Depo-Testosterone, <i>testosterone enanthate</i> , <i>testosterone cypionate</i>
TNF Antagonist	Cimzia, Enbrel, Humira, Remicade, Simponi
Vasopressin V₂-receptor antagonist	Samsca
Viscosupplements	Euflexxa, Hyalgan, Orthovisc, Supartz, Synivsc, Synvisc One
Wound Care	Regranex

