

HOW TO DECREASE MS MEDICAID PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS

Drug Class	Preferred drug(s)	Non-preferred drug(s)	Can I get a PA for my patient for a non-preferred drugs?	Prescriber action to prevent calls/PA requests from pharmacy	Pharmacy action to prevent requesting PAs
Acne meds: (limited to up to age 21 only)	Benzaclin; Retin-A Micro (tretinoin)	Benzoyl peroxide/clindamycin; tretinoin	PAs will only be considered after a minimum of 2 months failure/ trials of preferred drugs	Consider writing do not substitute for Benzaclin and/or Retin-A-Micro	Dispense brand product
Intranasal rhinitis agents	Beconase AQ, flunisolide (generic Nasalide/Nasarel), ipratropium (generic Atrovent), Nasacort AQ, Nasonex, Patanase, and Veramyst	Astelin, Astepro and its generic azelastine, Flonase and its generic or Fluticasone, Omnaris, Rhinocort Aqua,	PAs for non-preferred agents will only be considered after a minimum of 2 months failure/ trials of preferred drugs	Consider writing Beconase AQ, flunisolide (generic Nasalide/Nasarel), ipratropium (generic Atrovent), Nasacort AQ, Nasonex, Patanase, and Veramyst	CK with prescriber re changing to a preferred agent (see column 2)
Low Molecular weight heparins	Lovenox	enoxaparin	For adults, PA will be considered if on more than 2 branded drugs.	Consider writing Lovenox and do not substitute	If RX for enoxaparin, dispense Lovenox.
Ophth. agents for allergic conjunctivitis	Optivar	azelastine	PAs for non-preferred agents will only be considered after a minimum of 2 months failure/ trials of preferred drugs	Consider writing Optivar and do not substitute	If RX for azelastine, dispense Optivar.
PPI	Omeprazole; Kapidex/Dexilant; Prevacid solutab	All other PPIs, including Prevacid capsules and its generic lansoprazole capsules	PAs will only be considered after a minimum of 2 months failure/ trials of preferred drugs.	Consider changing to omeprazole, Dexliant, or Prevacid Solutabs	CK with prescriber to change preferred agent (see column 2)
Statins	Lipitor	atorvastatin	For adults, PA will be considered if on more than 2 branded drugs.	Consider writing Lipitor and do not substitute	Dispense brand product
Stimulants: Amphetamine sulfate ER	Adderall XR	amphetamine sulfate ER	For kids, PAs will only be considered after a minimum of 2 months failure/ trials of preferred drugs. For adults, PA will be considered if on more than 2 branded drugs.	Consider writing Adderall XR and do not substitute	Dispense brand product

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