

# Drug Prior Authorization

Please use the online search tool for information on a specific drug.

## What Is Prior Authorization?

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Prior authorization (PA) is a quality and safety program that promotes the proper use of certain medications. If your doctor prescribes a medication that is included in our prior authorization program, you must get prior approval before your plan will cover your medication.

Some medications must be reviewed before they can be authorized because they may:

- Only be approved or effective for safely treating specific conditions.
- Cost more than other medications used to treat the same or similar conditions.

We base the prior authorization program on U.S. Food and Drug Administration and manufacturer guidelines, medical literature, safety, accepted medical practice, appropriate use and benefit design.

If your drug requires PA, we encourage you to talk with your doctor about your treatment and medication options. If you have questions about the PA process, call the phone number on your member ID card.

## Which Medications Are Included?

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Some specialty and non-specialty drugs require prior authorization under your **pharmacy benefit**.

Note that before your plan will cover some drugs, you must try one or more covered alternatives first.

Some health plans also require prior authorization for specialty drugs that are covered under the **medical benefit**. Please consult the Medical Drug List for more information.

## What Are the Possible Outcomes of a Prior Authorization Request?

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- If you meet the requirements, your drug will be approved, and we will cover it. Your drug may be approved for up to one year or more. You will be sent a letter letting you know that your drug has been approved.
- If you do not meet the requirements, your prior authorization will be denied. Also, if your doctor does not send in the requested information within a certain period of time, your prior authorization will be denied. If your request is denied, both you and your doctor will be sent a letter explaining the

denial. The letter will include information about how you can appeal the decision.

## How Do I Request Prior Authorization?

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Please call **855-811-2218** to request PA for drugs covered under the pharmacy benefit.

## What If I Need a Short-Term Supply?

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If you must take a medication that requires prior authorization right away, there are two options that may work for you.

- Ask your doctor if a sample is available.
- Check with your pharmacy to request a short-term supply of 5 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 fill the rest of your prescription.

## What Happens at the Pharmacy?

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The pharmacist enters your prescription information into the computer system. If your medication needs prior authorization and you already have it, the pharmacist will fill your prescription. If you do not have prior authorization, you have three choices:

- You or your pharmacist can call your doctor and get a prescription for a different medication that does not need prior authorization.
- You can pay full price for your medication.
- You or your pharmacist can ask your doctor to get prior authorization for you.

If you do not meet the PA requirements, you can still choose another option. You and your doctor make the final decision about the medication that is right for you.

If you submit your prescription to your plan's home delivery (mail-order) pharmacy and do not get the required prior authorization, the pharmacy will not fill your prescription. You will receive notification by mail.

## What Happens at a Specialty Pharmacy?

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Usually, your doctor will call or fax a prescription directly to the specialty pharmacy. If your prescription requires prior authorization, the specialty pharmacy will tell your doctor how to request this.

## Non-Discrimination Statement and Foreign Language Access

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or health status in our health plans, when we enroll members or provide benefits.

If you or someone you're assisting is disabled and needs interpretation assistance, help is available at the contact number posted on our website or listed in the materials included with this notice (TDD: 711).

Free language interpretation support is available for those who cannot read or speak English by calling one of the appropriate numbers listed below.

If you think we have not provided these services or have discriminated in any way, you can file a grievance by emailing [contact@hcrcompliance.com](mailto:contact@hcrcompliance.com) or by calling our Compliance area at 1-800-832-9686 or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at 1-800-368-1019 or 1-800-537-7697 (TDD).

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Si usted, o alguien a quien usted está ayudando, tiene preguntas acerca de este plan de salud, tiene derecho a obtener ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo alguno. Para hablar con un intérprete, llame al 1-844-396-0183. (Spanish)

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如果您，或是您正在協助的對象，有關於本健康計畫方面的問題，您有權利免費以您的母語得到幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥 1-844-396-0188。(Chinese)

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Nếu quý vị, hoặc là người mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ, có những câu hỏi quan tâm về chương trình sức khỏe này, quý vị sẽ được giúp đỡ với các thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị miễn phí. Để nói chuyện với một thông dịch viên, xin gọi 1-844-389-4838 (Vietnamese)

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이 건강보험에 관하여 궁금한 사항 혹은 질문이 있으시면 1-844-396-0187로 연락해 주십시오. 귀하의 비용 부담없이 한국어로 도와드립니다. (Korean)

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Kung ikaw, o ang iyong tinutulungan, ay may mga katanungan tungkol sa planong pangkalusugang ito, may karapatan ka na makakuha ng tulong at impormasyon sa iyong wika nang walang gastos. Upang makausap ang isang tagasalin, tumawag sa 1-844-389-4839. (Tagalog)

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Если у Вас или лица, которому вы помогаете, имеются вопросы по поводу Вашего плана медицинского обслуживания, то Вы имеете право на бесплатное получение помощи и информации на русском языке. Для разговора с переводчиком позвоните по телефону 1-844-389-4840. (Russian)

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إن كان لديك أو لدى شخص تساعد أسئلة بخصوص خطة الصحة هذه، فلديك الحق في الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات الضرورية بلغتك من دون أية تكلفة. للتحدث مع مترجم اتصل بـ 1-844-396-0189 (Arabic)

Si ou menm oswa yon moun w ap ede gen kesyon konsènan plan sante sa a, se dwa w pou resevwa asistans ak enfòmasyon nan lang ou pale a, san ou pa gen pou peye pou sa. Pou pale avèk yon entèprèt, rele nan 1-844-398-6232. (French/Haitian Creole)

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Si vous, ou quelqu'un que vous êtes en train d'aider, avez des questions à propos de ce plan médical, vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement de l'aide et des informations dans votre langue. Pour parler à un interprète, appelez le 1-844-396-0190. (French)

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Jeśli Ty lub osoba, której pomagasz, macie pytania odnośnie planu ubezpieczenia zdrowotnego, masz prawo do uzyskania bezpłatnej informacji i pomocy we własnym języku. Aby porozmawiać z tłumaczem, zadzwoń pod numer 1-844-396-0186. (Polish)

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Se você, ou alguém a quem você está ajudando, tem perguntas sobre este plano de saúde, você tem o direito de obter ajuda e informação em seu idioma e sem custos. Para falar com um intérprete, ligue para 1-844-396-0182. (Portuguese)

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Se tu o qualcuno che stai aiutando avete domande su questo piano sanitario, hai il diritto di ottenere aiuto e informazioni nella tua lingua gratuitamente. Per parlare con un interprete, puoi chiamare 1-844-396-0184. (Italian)

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あなた、またはあなたがお世話をされている方が、この健康保険についてご質問がございましたら、ご希望の言語でサポートを受けたり、情報を入手したりすることができます。料金はかかりません。通訳とお話される場合、1-844-396-0185 までお電話ください。 (Japanese)

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Falls Sie oder jemand, dem Sie helfen, Fragen zu diesem Krankenversicherungsplan haben bzw. hat, haben Sie das Recht, kostenlose Hilfe und Informationen in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Um mit einem Dolmetscher zu sprechen, rufen Sie bitte die Nummer 1-844-396-0191 an. (German)

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