

Prior Authorization

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Most benefit plans include the Prior Authorization program. Check your plan materials to see if this information applies to you.

What Is Prior Authorization?

It's 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.

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.

Which Medications Are Included?

This list includes both specialty and non-specialty drugs that require prior authorization under your **pharmacy benefit**. You will also find information on where your doctor should send requests for prior authorization.

Some drugs require **Medical Necessity Prior Authorization (MNPA)**. Before your plan will cover these drugs, you must try one or more covered alternatives first.

If your health plan requires prior authorization for specialty drugs under the **medical benefit**, you can find more information on the Medical Prior Authorization drug list online at your health plan's website.

What Are the Possible Outcomes of a Prior Authorization Request?

- 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.

What Happens at the Pharmacy?

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 requirements for prior authorization, 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?

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.

The information in this document does not apply to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Business Advantage product.

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Prior Authorization List – Specialty Drugs

This list applies to specialty drug coverage under the *pharmacy benefit only*. To request prior authorization for these drugs, please have your doctor call 855-811-2218. Drugs listed with a (+) require medical necessity prior authorization—see **Table A** for more information. To request prior authorization for drugs listed with a (^), please have your doctor call the precertification number on the back of your member identification card. Preferred drugs under the pharmacy benefit are listed with a (#).

A	Betaseron (#)	Dofetilide (#)	Gammaked	Iressa
Abiraterone (#)	Bethkis	Duopa	Gammaplex	Istodax
Abraxane	Bivigam	Dupixent	Gamunex C	Ixempra
Actemra (+)	Blinicyto	Dysport	Ganirelix	Ixinity
Actimmune	Bosentan (#)	E	Gattex	J
Adagen	Bosulif (#)	Egrifta	Gazyva	Jadenu
Adcetris	Botox	Elaprase	Gel-One (#)	Jakafi
Adcirca (<i>brand & generic</i>) (+)	Braftovi	Elelyso	Gemcitabine	Jetrea
Adempas (#)	Buphenyl	Eligard	Genotropin (+)	Jevtana
Advate	C	Eloctate	Gilenya (#)	Juxtapid (+)
Adynovate	Cabometyx	Empliciti	Gilotrif	K
Afinitor	Calquence	Enbrel (#)	Glassia	Kadcyla
Aldurazyme	Capecitabine (#)	Entyvio (+)	Glatopa (#)	Kalbitor
Alecensa	Caprelsa	Epclusa (#)	Gleevec (+)	Kalydeco
Alimta	Carbaglu	Epidiolex	Gonal-F (#)	Kanuma
Aliqopa	Carimune NF	Epogen	Granix	Kevzara (#)
Alphanate	Cayston	Epoprostenol sod. (#)	Grastek	Keytruda
Alphanine SD	Cerdelga	Erbix	H	Kineret (+)
Alprolix	Cerezyme	Erivedge	Haegarda	Kisqali/Femara (#)
Alunbrig	Cetrotide	Erleada (#)	Halaven	Kitabis Pak
Ambrisentan (#)	Cholbam	Erlotinib	Harvoni (#)	Koate-DVI
Ampyra (<i>generic available-brand is non-preferred</i>)	Cimzia (+)	Erwinaze	Helixate FS (+)	Kogenate FS (#)
Apokyn	Cinacalcet (#)	Esbriet	Hemofil-M	Korlym (^)
Aralast NP	Cinryze	Euflexxa (+)	Herceptin	Krystexxa
Aranesp	Coagadex	Exjade	Herceptin Hylecta	Kuvan
Arcalyst	Cometriq	Extavia (+)	Hetlioz	Kynamro (+)
Arzerra	Copaxone (#)	Eylea	Hizentra	Kyprolis
Astagraph XL	Copegus	F	HP Acthar	L
Aubagio (#)	Copiktra	Fabrazyme	Humate-P	Lartruvo
Avastin	Cosentyx (#)	Farydak	Humatrope (#)	Lemtrada
Aveed	Cotellic	Feiba NF	Humira (#)	Lenvima
Avonex (+)	Cyramza	Ferriprox	Hyalgan (#)	Letairis
Azacitidine (#)	Cystadane	Firazyr	Hycamtin	Leukine
B	Cystagon	Firmagon	HyQvia	Leuprolide (#)
Balversa	Cystaran	Flebogamma	I	Lonsurf
Bavencio	D	Flolan	Ibrance (#)	Lorbrena
Bebulin VH	Dacogen	Follistim AQ (+)	Iclusig	Lucentis
Beleodaq	Dalfampridine (#)	Folotylin	Ilaris	Lumizyme
Bendeka	Darzalex	Forteo (#)	Illuvien	Lupaneta
Benefix	Daurismo	Fusilev	Imatinib (#)	Lupron Depot/PED
Benlysta	Decitabine (#)	G	Imbruvica	M
Berinert	Deferoxamine (#)	Galafold	Imfinzi	Macugen
Besponsa	Desferal	Gamastan S/D	Increlex	Mavyret (#)
	Diacomit	Gammagard	Inflectra (+)	Mekinist
	Docefrez	Gammagard S/D	Inlyta	Mektovi
	Docetaxel (#)		Intron-A	

Menopur
Mitoxantrone HCL
Moderiba (+)
Monoclalte-P
Mononine
Monovisc (+)
Mozobil
Myfortic
Myobloc

N

Naglazyme
Natpara
Nerlynx
Neulasta
Neumega
Neupogen (+)
Nexavar
Ninlaro
Norditropin (#)
Northera
Novoeight
Novoseven
Nplate
Nutropin/AQ (+)

O

Obizur
Ocrevus (+)
Octagam
Octreotide Acetate
Odomzo
Ofev
Omnitrope (+)
Oncaspar
Onivyde
Opdivo
Opsumit (#)
Oralair
Orencia IV/SC (+)
Orenitram
Orfadin
Orkambi

Orthovisc (+)
Otezla (#)
Otrexup
Ovidrel
Ozurdex

P

Pegasys (#)
PEG-Intron (+)
Perjeta
Plegridy (+)
Pomalyst
Prialt
Privigen
Procrit (#)
Procysbi
Profilnine SD
Proleukin
Prolia
Promacta
Provenge
Pulmozyme
Purixan

Q

Qutenza

R

Ragwitek
Rasuvo
Ravicti
Rebetol (+)
Rebif/Rebidose (#)
Reclast
Recombinate
Regranex
Remicade (+)
Retisert
Revatio (brand & generic) (+)
Revlimid
Ribapak (+)
Ribasphere

Ribatab
Rituxan (+)
Rixubis
Rubraca
Ruconest
Rydapt

S

Sabril
Saizen (+)
Samsca
Sandimmune
Sandostatin/LAR
Sensipar (generic available-brand is non-preferred)
Serostim
Signifor LAR
Sildenafil (#)
Simponi/Aria (+)
Soliris
Somatuline Depot
Somavert
Spinraza
Sprycel (#)
Stelara (#)
Stimate
Stivarga
Strensiq
Supartz FX (#)
Supprelin LA
Sutent
Sylatron
Sylvant
Synagis
Synribo
Synvisc/One (+)

T

Tadalafil (#)
Tafinlar
Tagrisso
Talzenna

Tarceva
Targretin
Taxotere
Tecentriq
Tecfidera (#)
Temodar (+)
Temozolomide (#)
Temsirolimus (#)
Tetrabenazine (#)
Thalomid
TOBI Podhaler (+)
Tobramycin (#)
Topotecan
Torisel
Tracleer
Treanda
Trelstar
Treprostinil (#)
Tykerb
Tysabri (+)
Tyvaso

U

Uptravi (#)

V

Valchlor
Valstar
Vantas
Vectibix
Velcade
Veletri
Venclexta
Verzenio
Vidaza
Vigabatrin (#)
Viktrakvi
Vimizim
Visudyne
Vosevi (#)
Votrient
VPRIV

W

Wilate
Winrho SDF

X

Xalkori
Xeljanz/XR (#)
Xeloda (+)
Xeomin
Xermelo
Xgeva
Xiaflex
Xolair
Xospata
Xtandi (#)
Xyntha
Xyrem (^)

Y

Yervoy

Z

Zaltrap
Zarxio (#)
Zavesca
Zejula
Zelboraf
Zemaira
Zoladex
Zoledronic acid (#)
Zolinza
Zomacton (+)
Zometa
Zorbtive
Zydelig
Zykadia
Zytiga (#)

Table A: Specialty Drugs Requiring Medical Necessity Prior Authorization

Condition/Drug Class	Before you have coverage for one of these drugs...	...you must have tried one (or more) of these alternative drugs first.
Brain Cancer	Temodar	temozolomide
Colon Cancer	Xeloda	capecitabine
Cystic Fibrosis	TOBI Podhaler	Tobramycin inhalation
Decrease in White Blood Cells	Neupogen	Zarxio
Growth Deficiency	Genotropin, Nutropin/AQ, Omnitrope, Saizen, Zomacton	Humatrope, Norditropin Flexpro
Hemophilia	Helixate FS	Kogenate
High Cholesterol	Juxtapid, Kynamro	Repatha
Infertility	Follistim AQ	Gonal-F (<i>all</i>)
Inflammatory Conditions (Crohn's Disease, Psoriasis, Rheumatoid Arthritis)	Actemra, Cimzia, Entyvio, Inflectra, Kineret, Orencia, Remicade, Rituxan, Simponi/Aria	Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Kevzara, Otezla, Stelara, Xeljanz/XR
Leukemia/Multiple Cancers	Gleevec	imatinib
Multiple Sclerosis	Avonex, Extavia, Ocrevus, Plegridy, Tysabri	Aubagio, Betaseron, Copaxone, Gilenya, glatiramer, Glatopa, Rebif, Tecfidera
Osteoarthritis of the Knee	Euflexxa, Monovisc, Orthovisc, Synvisc/One	Gel-One, Hyalgan, Supartz
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	Adcirca, Revatio	tadalafil, sildenafil

Prior Authorization – Non-specialty Drugs

To request prior authorization for these drugs, please have your doctor call 855-811-2218.

Drugs listed with a (+) require medical necessity prior authorization—see **Table B** for more information.

<p>A</p> <hr/> <p>Abstral Actiq Aimovig Altoprev (+) Ambien/CR (+) Amitiza (+) Anadrol-50 Apidra (+) armodafinil (<i>generic Nuvigil</i>) Avalide (+) Avapro (+)</p> <p>B</p> <hr/> <p>Basaglar (+) Beconase AQ (+) Belsomra (+) Benznidazole Buprenorphine Bydureon/BCISE (+) Byetta (+)</p> <p>C</p> <hr/> <p>Celebrex clindamycin phosphate-tretinoin (<i>generic Ziana</i>) Compound Drugs (<i>costing \$300 or more</i>) Cozaar (+) Crestor (+)</p>	<p>D</p> <hr/> <p>Detrol/LA (+) Diabetic Test Strips (+) Diclofenac epolamine patch (+) Diovan/HCT (+) Ditropan XL (+) Dulera (+) Dymista (+)</p> <p>E</p> <hr/> <p>Edarbi (+) Edarbyclor (+) Edluar (+) Emgality Epanova</p> <p>F</p> <hr/> <p>Fentanyl Transmucosal Fentora Flector patch (+) Flonase (+) Freestyle Libre (<i>sensor & reader</i>)</p> <p>G</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p> <p>H</p> <hr/> <p>Humalog (+) Humulin (<i>except U-500</i>) (+) Hyzaar (+)</p>	<p>I</p> <hr/> <p>Incruse Ellipta (+) Insulin lispro (+) Intermezzo (+) Invokamet/XR (+) Invokana (+)</p> <p>J</p> <hr/> <p>Jentadueto/XR (+)</p> <p>K</p> <hr/> <p>Kazano (+) Kombiglyze XR (+)</p> <p>L</p> <hr/> <p>Lansoprazole solutabs Lazanda Lescol/XL (+) Levemir (+) lidocaine (<i>generic</i>) Lipitor (+) Livalo (+) Lovaza Lumigan (+)</p> <p>M</p> <hr/> <p>Mevacor (+) Micardis/HCT (+) modafinil (<i>generic Provigil</i>) Motegrity (+) Myrbetriq (+)</p>	<p>N</p> <hr/> <p>Naprelan (+) Nasacort AQ (+) Nesina (+) Novolin Relion (+)</p> <p>O</p> <hr/> <p>Oleptro (+) Olux-E (+) Omega 3 Ethyl Esters Omnaris (+) Omtryg Onglyza (+) Onsolis Oseni (+) Oxytrol (+) Ozempic (+)</p> <p>P</p> <hr/> <p>Pradaxa (+) Pravachol (+) Prevacid Solutab Proscar</p> <p>Q</p> <hr/> <p>Qnasl (+)</p> <p>R</p> <hr/> <p>Rhinocort AQ (+) Riomet (+)</p> <p>S</p> <hr/> <p>Sanctura (+) Savaysa (+) Seebri Neohaler (+) Sonata (+) Soriatane</p>	<p>Sporanox capsules & solution Subsys Sustol</p> <p>T</p> <hr/> <p>Tekturna/HCT (+) Teveten/HCT (+) Tobacco Cessation Toviaz (+) Tradjenta (+) Tresiba (+) Trulicity (+) Tudorza Pressair (+)</p> <p>U</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p> <p>V</p> <hr/> <p>Vascepa Vesicare (+) Viberzi (+) Victoza (+)</p> <p>W</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p> <p>X</p> <hr/> <p>Xifaxan 550 mg (+)</p> <p>Y</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p> <p>Z</p> <hr/> <p>Zetonna (+) Zocor (+) Zohydro</p>
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Table B: Non-specialty Drugs Requiring Medical Necessity Prior Authorization

Condition/Drug Class	Before you have coverage for one of these drugs...	...you must have tried one (or more) of these alternative drugs first.
Arthritis/Pain	Flector (<i>diclofenac epolamine</i>) patch, Naprelan	Generic oral immediate release NSAIDs
Asthma/COPD (A)	Dulera	Advair Diskus, Advair HFA, Symbicort
Asthma/COPD (B)	Incruse Ellipta, Seebri Neohaler, Tudorza Pressair	Spiriva, Spiriva Respimat
Blood Clots	Savaysa, Pradaxa	Xarelto, Eliquis
Cholesterol Lowering (<i>high potency</i>)	Crestor	atorvastatin, ezetimibe/simvastatin (<i>generic for Vytorin</i>), rosuvastatin
Cholesterol Lowering	Lescol/XL, Lipitor, Livalo, Mevacor, Pravachol, Zocor	atorvastatin, fluvastatin, fluvastatin ext-rel, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
Depression	Oleptro	trazodone
Dermatologic	Olux-E	Clobetasol propionate foam 0.05%
Diabetes (<i>Insulin</i>)	All Apidra, Humalog (insulin lispro), Humulin (<i>except U-500</i>), Novolin Relion	Novolog, Novo Novolin
Diabetes (<i>long-acting insulin</i>)	Basaglar, Levemir, Tresiba	Lantus, Toujeo
Diabetes (<i>Biguanides</i>)	Riomet	metformin/XR (<i>generics for Glucoophage/XR</i>)
Diabetes (<i>DPP-4</i>)	Jentaduetto/XR, Kazano, Kombiglyze XR, Nesina, Onglyza, Oseni, Tradjenta	Januvia, Janumet/XR
Diabetes (<i>SGLT2</i>)	Invokana, Invokamet/XR	Farxiga, Jardiance, Synjardy/XR, Xigduo XR
Diabetes (<i>GLP-1</i>)	Bydureon/BCISE, Byetta	Ozempic, Trulicity, Victoza <i>These drugs require prior use of metformin, metformin ER (generic Glucoophage XR) or authorization through the CVS Caremark Prior Authorization department.</i>
Diabetes Supplies	All test strips other than OneTouch <i>Members on insulin pumps that require specific test strips other than OneTouch may be granted a lifetime approval to continue to fill their current test strips.</i>	OneTouch
Glaucoma	Lumigan	latanoprost, Travatan Z, Zioptan
Hypertension	Avapro, Avalide, Cozaar, Hyzaar, Diovan/HCT, Edarbi, Edarbyclor, Micardis/HCT, Tekturna/HCT, Teveten/HCT	generic ARBs
Irritable Bowel Syndrome (<i>constipation predominant</i>)	Amitiza	Linzess
Irritable Bowel Syndrome (<i>diarrhea predominant</i>)	Viberzi, Xifaxan 550 mg	loperamide, diphenoxylate/atropine
Nasal Steroids	Beconase AQ, Dymista, Flonase, Nasacort AQ, Omnaris, Qnasl, Rhinocort AQ, Zetonna	budesonide nasal spray, flunisolide, fluticasone nasal, mometasone furoate nasal spray, triamcinolone
Overactive Bladder	Detrol/LA, Ditropan XL, Myrbetriq, Oxytrol, Toviaz, Vesicare	oxybutynin ext-rel, solifenacin, tolterodine, tolterodine ext-rel, trospium, trospium ext-rel, Gelnique
Sleep Medications	Ambien/CR, Belsomra, Edluar, Intermezzo, Sonata	eszopiclone, ramelteon, zolpidem, zolpidem ext-rel, zaleplon

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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)

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)

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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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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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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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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