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# **Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) Pharmaceutical Service Program**

## **Prior Authorization Approval Criteria**

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# Oregon Medicaid Fee-For-Service Prior Authorization Approval Criteria Update Information

**Effective: April 1, 2010 (corrected 5/1/10)**

The Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) posted this document following the March 18, 2010 meeting of the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board with changes effective April 1, 2010. This May 2010 document is updated with the following corrections:

- **Pages 26, Antimigraine Triptans, Quantity Limits Per Labeling table: added** all of the following:

Sumatriptan	Sumavel	6 mg SQ	12 mg	6mg/0.5ml units (package of 6)	4	3ml/30d
Sumatriptan/ Naproxen	Treximet	85mg / 500mg	170 mg / 1000 mg	85mg/500mg tab (box of 9)	4	9/30d

- **Page 32, Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH) Medications, Requires PA: [added]** (highlighted/bracketed):

GCN	Class	Generic	Brand
064846 [064847]	Alpha Blocker	[Silodosin]	[Rapaflo]

- **Page 39, Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulants, Goals, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet, we ~~deleted~~:** *“The long-term effects of stimulants are unknown. Adverse events are more frequently associated with high doses. However, effectiveness is not linearly associated with dose. ~~and promote preferred drugs in class.~~”*
- **Page 41, Maximum Recommended Dose Limits for Stimulants: [added] and [corrected]:**

HICL 022987 Dexmethylphenidate (>20mg)				HICL 002065 Dextroamphetamine (>40mg)			
Brand	Strength	Daily Limit	Limit	Brand	Strength	Daily	
[ Focalin XR ]	[30mg XR cap]	[1]	corrected	[Dexedrine Spansule]	10mg SA cap	4	
			corrected	[Dexedrine Spansule]	15mg SA cap	2	

➤ **Page 49, Fentanyl Transmucosal and Buccal, Approval Criteria, #6:** [added] (highlighted/bracketed):

6. Is the quantity >4 doses per day?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness), with message: etc.	<b>No:</b> Approve for up to 6 months with quantity limit of 4 lollipops/tablets per day (i.e. 120/30 days).  [Assessment for dental caries recommended with use of fentanyl transmucosal lozenge (Actiq) due to sugar content.]
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➤ **Page 82, – Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI): updated as follows:**

Check the reason for the PA request: *Non-Preferred drugs will deny on initiation.* [Deleted] last sentence *Preferred drugs will deny only AFTER initial 60 days in a 365 day period OR initiated at >1 dose QD.*

ROUTE	HICL	BRAND	GENERIC	FORMULATIONS
Oral	008993	Prevacid	Lansoprazole	[Solu Tab: 15, 30 mg orally disintegrating tablet]
Oral	036085	[Kapidex] [Dexilant]	Dexlansoprazole	Capsules, delayed-release: 30, 60mg

➤ **Page 83, Approval Criteria table – #6 and 8: [deleted] and [added].**

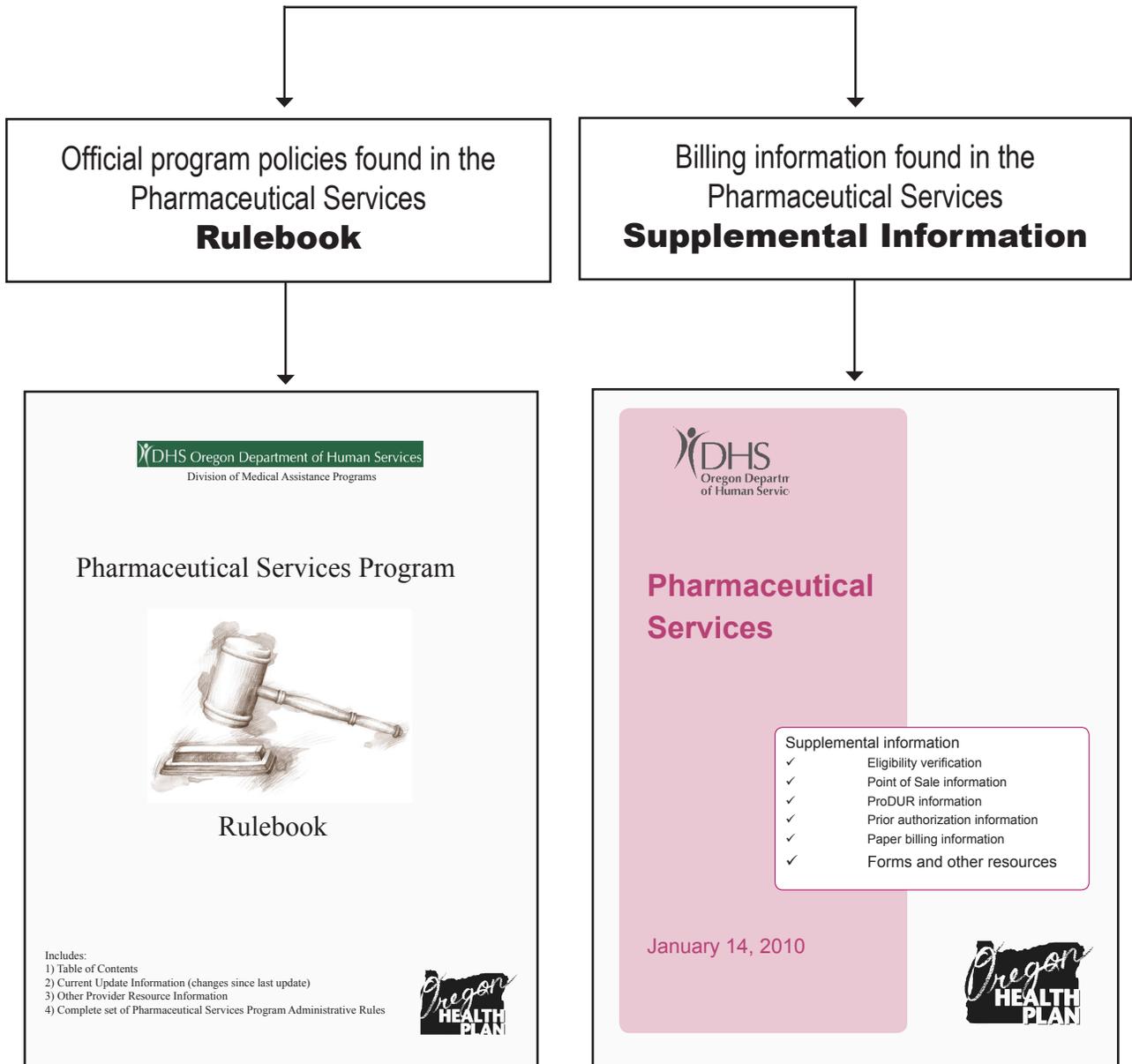
6. Has patient tried and failed:  ✓ [Prilosec OTC or] Omeprazole 40mg/day [or] ✓ [Aciphex 20mg/day]	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #7.	<b>[Go to #12].</b> [Pass to RPH; Deny, (Cost-effectiveness) Recommend Prilosec OTC 20mg QD or BID.] [(May approve solutabs or packets for patients with G-tubes, etc.) ]
8. Is diagnosis active GI bleed? [(531.0-531.2, 532.0-532.2, 533.0-533.2, 534.0-534.2)]	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for [8] 2 weeks – BID dosing OK	<b>No:</b> Go to #9.

➤ **Page 84, #s 9, 10 and 12: [added]**

9. Is diagnosis Gastric or Duodenal Ulcer [(531.3-531.9, 531.3-532.9, 533.3-533.9, 534.3-534.9)]		
10.	<b>Yes:</b> Approve QD [dosing] for 1 year, etc.	
[12. Is the request for Prevacid Solutab for tube administration?]	<b>Yes:</b> Approve QD dosing for 1 year. May approve BID dosing for pediatrics <12years old.]	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPh. DENY (Cost-effectiveness) Recommend omeprazole 20mg QD or BID.]

**For questions, contact the DMAP Pharmacy Policy at:**  
[DMAPRXQuest@DHS.state.or.us](mailto:DMAPRXQuest@DHS.state.or.us)

**DMAP provides the information and instructions contained in this booklet to be used in conjunction with current:**



Find both documents here:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html>

## **General Prior Authorization Information**

**The following pages 4-7 include information about prior authorization  
taken from the DMAP Pharmaceutical Services  
Supplemental Information document found at:**

**<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html>**

## Overview

For drugs that require prior authorization (PA) on Point-of-Sale (POS) claims:

- A new evaluation feature of the Oregon DHS POS system, DUR Plus, reviews incoming POS claims and issues PA when the drug meets appropriate clinical criteria.
- For drugs that do not pass DUR Plus review, pharmacies must contact the prescribing provider, who then requests PA from the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center.

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## Drugs requiring PA

DHS may require PA for individual drugs and categories of drugs to ensure that the drugs prescribed are indicated for conditions funded by the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) and consistent with the Prioritized List of Health Services and its corresponding treatment guidelines (see OAR 410-141-0480 and 0520).

Administrative rule 410-121-0040 is related to drugs requiring prior authorization for Medically Appropriate Use.

For information regarding drugs requiring prior authorization, please refer to the Pharmacy Web site at: [www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html).

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## DUR Plus review

The Oregon DHS POS system initially evaluates incoming pharmacy claims for basic edits and audits. If the drug on the claim requires prior authorization (PA) and requires DUR Plus evaluation, the claim passes through a series of clinical criteria rules to determine whether DUR Plus can issue PA and allow dispensing the drug to the client.

DUR Plus checks the current drug claim as well as the client's medical and claims history for the appropriate criteria.

- If suitable criteria are found, a prior authorization will be systematically created, applied to the claim, and the claim will be paid. This interactive process occurs with no processing delays and no administrative work for the pharmacy or prescribing provider.
- If all criteria are not met, the claim will be denied and PA will be required. The prescriber will be responsible for requesting PA, using procedures outlined in OAR 410-121-0060.

## Oregon Pharmacy Call Center review

The Oregon Pharmacy Call Center is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Phone: 888-202-2126

Fax: 888-346-0178

The Call Center receives calls and faxes related to PA requests for fee-for-service prescriptions (including Mental Health “carve-out” prescriptions for managed care clients), and processes PA requests within 24 hours.

Prescribers should use PA procedures outlined in OAR 410-121-0060. For more information, refer to the Pharmacy Web page at [www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html).

See the Pharmaceutical Services Program Supplemental Information Forms section for forms prescribers should use when submitting PA requests to the Call Center.

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## Emergency PA protocol

The Oregon Pharmacy Call Center may authorize up to a 96 hour emergency supply. Refer to 410-121-0060(4) Emergency Need:

The Pharmacist may request an emergent or urgent dispensing from the Pharmacy Call Center when the client is eligible for covered fee-for-service drug prescriptions.

- (a) Clients who do not have a PA pending may receive an emergency dispensing for a 96-hour supply.
- (b) Clients who do have a PA pending may receive an emergency dispensing up to a seven-day supply.

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## Client hearings and exception requests

For any PA requests that are denied due to DMAP criteria not being met, the right of a client to request a contested case hearing is otherwise provided by statute or rule, including OAR 410-141-0264(10).

This rule describes when a client may request a state hearing. Clients may request a hearing based upon information included in the PA denial notice.

Information on how to file an appeal is attached to all PA notices to clients and providers from the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center.

Providers may contact Provider Services at 800-336-6016 to file an exception request on a PA denial. For information regarding OAR 410-120-1860, refer to the General rules Rulebook at [www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/genrules/main.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/genrules/main.html).

## Forms

All DMAP forms are available on the web at:

[www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/forms/omapforms.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/forms/omapforms.shtml)

## DMAP 3978 - Pharmacy Prior Authorization Request

Prescribers should submit their PA requests for fee-for-service prescriptions and oral nutritional supplements with required documentation to:

**Oregon Pharmacy Call Center**

888-202-2126

Fax: 888-346-0178

This form is also available on the DHS Web site at

<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/OE3978.pdf>.

### Information needed to request PA

Complete the form as follows. The Oregon Pharmacy Call Center may ask for some or all of the following information, depending upon the class of the drug requested:

DMAP 3978 section	Information needed
Section I:	Requesting provider name and National Provider Identifier. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ FQHC/RHC and AI/AN providers - Also enter the pharmacy or clinic NPI for your facility.</li> </ul>
Section II	Type of PA Request: Mark "Pharmacy." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ FQHC/RHC and AI/AN providers -Mark "Other," followed by provider type (FQHC, RHC, IHS or Tribal 638).</li> </ul>
Section III:	Client name and recipient ID number;
Section IV:	Diagnosis code (ICD-9-CM);
Section V:	Drug name, strength, size and quantity of medication. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Participating pharmacy: Include the dispensing pharmacy's name and phone number (if available).</li> </ul>
Section VI:	Date of PA Request Begin and End Dates of Service
Section VII:	Complete for EPIV and oral nutritional supplements only.
Section VIII:	Complete for oral nutritional supplements only.



Prior Authorization Request for Prescriptions & Oral Nutritional Supplements

To: Oregon Pharmacy Call Center
888-346-0178 (fax); 888-202-2126 (phone)

Confidentiality Notice:

The information contained in this Prior Authorization Request is confidential and legally privileged. It is intended only for use of the recipient(s) named. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that the disclosure, copying, distribution, or taking of any action in regards to the contents of this fax document- except its direct delivery to the intended recipient - is strictly prohibited.

Complete all fields marked with an asterisk (\*), if applicable.

I Requesting Provider

\* Name \* NPI
Contact Name Contact Phone
Contact Fax Processing Time Frame: Routine
Supporting Justification for Urgent/Immediate Processing: Urgent
Immediate

II PA Request - Assignment Code (check appropriate box)

\* Pharmacy Home EPIV Other

III Client Information

\* Client ID DOB
\* Last Name \* First Name, MI

IV Service Information

Estimated length of treatment Frequency
Primary diagnosis \* Primary ICD-9 diagnosis code
Other pertinent diagnosis
(For prescriptions and oral nutritional supplements, list all applicable ICD-9 codes or contributing factors)

V Drug/Product Information

\* Name \* Strength
\* Quantity \* NDC

Participating Pharmacy:

Name Phone Number Date

VI Date Information

\* Date of Request \* Expected Service Begin Date
\* Expected Service End Date

**VII Code and Cost Information – Required for EPIV and oral nutritional supplements**

Line Item	Procedure Code	Modifier	Description	Units	U&C	MSRP	Total Dollars
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
			Total Units				

**VIII Patient Questionnaire – Complete for oral nutritional supplements only**

Question	Yes	No
Is the patient fed via G-tube?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the patient currently on oral nutritional supplements? - If Yes, date product started: _____ - How is it supplied (e.g., self-pay, friends/family supply, etc)? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the patient have Failure to Thrive (FTT)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the patient have a long history (more than one year) of malnutrition and cachexia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the patient reside in a: - Long-term care facility? - Chronic home care facility? - If Yes, list name of residence: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the patient have: - Increased metabolic need from severe trauma (e.g., severe burn, major bone fracture)? - Malabsorption difficulties (e.g., Crohn’s Disease, cystic fibrosis, bowel resection/removal, Short Gut Syndrome, gastric bypass, renal dialysis, dysphagia, achalasia)? - A diagnosis that requires additional calories and/or protein intake (e.g., cancer, AIDS, pulmonary insufficiency, MS, ALS, Parkinson’s, cerebral palsy, Alzheimer’s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Date of last MD assessment for continued use of supplements: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Registered Dietician assessment indicating adequate intake is not obtainable through regular or liquefied pureed foods: \_\_\_\_\_

- Serum Protein level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_
- Albumin level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_
- Current weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Normal weight: \_\_\_\_\_

**Written Justification and Attachments:**

Requesting Physician’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Specific Drug Prior Authorization and Contact Information**

The following pages include specific drugs, goals or directives in usage, length of authorization, covered alternatives, approval criteria and more.

DMAP prior authorization policy is reviewed by the Oregon Drug Use Review Board (See [http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/index.php?nav=dur\\_board](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/index.php?nav=dur_board) and is subject to the DMAP administrative rule writing process.

For general questions about prior authorization policy, contact:

**Kathy L. Ketchum, B. S. Pharm., M.P.A.: H.A.**

Assistant Director  
Drug Use Management & Research Program

### **Contact Information:**

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Drug Use Management & Research Program  
DHS Division of Medical Assistance Programs  
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Phone: 503-947-5220  
Fax: 503-947-1119

# Analgesics, Non-Steroidal, Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

**Goal(s):**

- To ensure that non-preferred NSAIDs are used for above the line conditions and restrict ketorolac to short-term use (5 days every 60 days) per the FDA black boxed warning.

**WARNING** - Ketorolac is indicated for the short-term (up to 5 days) management of moderately severe acute pain that requires analgesia at the opioid level. It is not indicated for minor or chronic painful conditions. Ketorolac is a potent NSAID analgesic, and its administration carries many risks. The resulting NSAID-related adverse events can be serious in certain patients for whom ketorolac is indicated, especially when the drug is used inappropriately. Increasing the dose beyond the label recommendations will not provide better efficacy but will result in increasing the risk of developing serious adverse events.

**Initiative:** NSAID PDL & Ketorolac Quantity Limit

**Length of Authorization: Up to 1 year.**

**Preferred Alternatives:** Listed at: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

**Requires PA:** Non-preferred NSAIDs

**Ketorolac:** Maximum of one claim per 60 days. That claim can be a maximum of 20 tablets / 5 days, i.e. there is a 5 day maximum per 60 days.

Approval Criteria			
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Document ICD-9		
2. Is the diagnosis covered by the Oregon Health Plan? All indications need to be evaluated as to whether they are above the line or below the line.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>No:</b> Pass to RPh; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPh; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)
<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPh; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)		
3. Is this a continuation of current therapy (i.e. filled prescription within prior 90 days)? Verify via pharmacy claims.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Yes:</b> Document prior therapy in PA record. Go to #4.</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>No:</b> Go to #5.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yes:</b> Document prior therapy in PA record. Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
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4. Is request for ketorolac >20 tablets/5 days, or for > 5 days within 60 days?	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH. Deny (Medical Appropriateness). Review FDA warnings</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>No:</b> Go to #5.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH. Deny (Medical Appropriateness). Review FDA warnings	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
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5. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product? Message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preferred products do not require PA.</li> <li>Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness &amp; safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC).</li> </ul> Reports are available at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a> .	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>No:</b> Approve for 1 year or length of prescription, whichever is less.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a>	<b>No:</b> Approve for 1 year or length of prescription, whichever is less.
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*DUR Board Action:* 9/24/09 (DO/KK), 2-23-06  
*Revision(s):* 1/1/10  
*Initiated:* ??

## Antiemetics, New

### Goal(s):

- Promote preferred drugs.
- Reserve costly antiemetics for appropriate indications.
- Restrict chronic use (> 3 days per week).
- If chemotherapy is more frequent than once weekly, approve a quantity sufficient for three days beyond the duration of chemotherapy.

**Initiative: Antiemetics (PDL and Quantity Limit) Length of Authorization: 3 days to 6 months (criteria specific)**

**Preferred Alternatives:** Listed at; [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml) or metoclopramide (Reglan), prochlorperazine (Compazine), promethazine (Phenergan)

### Check the reason for the PA request:

- *Non-Preferred drugs will deny on initiation*
- *Preferred drugs will deny only when maximum dose exceeded (www.orpdl.org)*

### Quantity Limits:

HICL	Generic	Brand	Quantity Limit
025058	Aprepitant	Emend	3 doses / 7day
016576	Dolasetron	Anzemet	9 doses / 7day
007611	Granisetron	Kytril Tablets Kytril Soln	6 doses / 7day (30 ml liquid)/7
006055	Ondansetron	Zofran	9 doses / 7day (300 ml liquid)
019058	Ondansetron	Zofran ODT	9 doses / 7day

Approval Criteria next page.

Approval Criteria										
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record ICD9 code.									
2. Is the drug requested preferred?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.								
3. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product?  Message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preferred products do not require PA for &lt;4 days/week.</li> <li>Preferred products have received evidence-based reviews for comparative effectiveness and safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC).</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a>	<b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class and dose limits. If dose > limits, continue to #4.  <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/clinical.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/clinical.html</a>	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.								
4. Is client currently diagnosed with cancer AND receiving chemotherapy or radiation therapy more frequently than every 7 days?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 3 days past length of therapy. (Chemo regimen more frequently than weekly)	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.								
5. Does client have refractory nausea that would require hospitalization or ER visits?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #6.	<b>No:</b> Go to #8.								
6. Has client tried and failed two conventional antiemetics, listed below?  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Generic Name</th> <th>Brand Name</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>metoclopramide</td> <td>Reglan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>prochlorperazine</td> <td>Compazine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>promethazine</td> <td>Phenergan</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Generic Name	Brand Name	metoclopramide	Reglan	prochlorperazine	Compazine	promethazine	Phenergan	<b>Yes:</b> Approve up to 6 months.	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.
Generic Name	Brand Name									
metoclopramide	Reglan									
prochlorperazine	Compazine									
promethazine	Phenergan									
7. Does client have contraindications to conventional antiemetics, e.g. Allergy; or cannot tolerate?	<b>Yes:</b> Document reason and approve up to 6 months. (Contraindications to Required Alternative Medications)	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #8.								
8. RPH only	All other indications need to be evaluated as to whether they are above the line or below the line.	<b>Above:</b> Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)  <b>Below:</b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)								

DUR Board Action: 9-24-09(DO/KK), 2-23-06, 2-24-04, 11-18-03, 9-9-03, 5-13-03, 2-11-03

Revision(s): 1-1-10, 7-1-06, 3-20-06, 6-30-04 (added aprepitant), 3-1-04 (removed injectables), 6-19-03

Initiated: 4-1-03

# Antifungals

**Goal(s):** Approve use of antifungals only for covered diagnoses. Minor fungal infections of skin, such as dermatophytosis of nail and skin are only covered when complicated by an immunocompromised host.

**Length of Authorization:** **SEE CRITERIA**

## ORAL

**Covered Alternatives:** Griseofulvin **DOES NOT** require prior authorization and other oral antifungals NOT typically used for onychomycosis **DO NOT** require PA:

Generic Name	Brand Name
Fluconazole	Diflucan
Flucytosine	Ancobon
Ketoconazole	Nizoral
Nystatin	Mycostatin
Viconzaole	Vfend

**Requires PA:**

Oral antifungals commonly used for onychomycosis. →

HSN	Route	Generic Name	Brand Name
006503	ORAL	Itraconazole	Sporanox
007590	ORAL	Terbinafine	Lamisil

## TOPICAL

**Preferred Alternatives:**

GCN	Generic Name	Brand Name(s)
007366, 047965	Miconazole topical cream	Micatin, others
007282, 007283	Nystatin topical ointment & cream	Mycostatin

**NOT Covered:** (See EXCLUSION LIST): Gentian Violet HIC3 - Q5F  
Castellani Paint HIC3 – L9A

**Requires PA:** Topical Antifungals (HIC3 = Q5F)

Examples (NOT ALL INCLUSIVE) of TOPICAL ANTIFUNGALS requiring PA and FDA approved indications:

Generic Name	Brands	T. Corporis	T. Cruris	T. Pedis/ mannum	T. Unguium	Pityriasis versicolor	Cutaneous candidiasis	Seborrheic dermatitis	Atopic dermatitis	Lichenoid dermatitis
Amphotericin B	Fungizone						X			
Butenafine HCL	Lotrimin ultra; mentax	X	X	X		X				
Ciclopirox	Loprox, penlac	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Clotrimazole	Lotrimin; Mycelex	X	X	X		X				
Clotrimazole/ Betamet Diprop	Lotrisone	X	X	X		X				
Econazole Nitrate	Spectazole	X	X	X		X	X			
Ketoconazole	Nizoral	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Naftifine HCL	Naftin	X	X	X	X		X			
Nystatin/Triamcin	Mycolog II						X			
Oxiconazole nitrate	Oxistat	X	X	X		X	X			
Sertaconazole nitrate	Ertaczo			X						
Sulconazole nitrate	Exelderm	X	X	X		X				
Terbinafine hcl	Lamisil & at (rx & otc)	X	X	X		X				
Tolnaftate (otc)	Tinactin	X	X	X						
Undecylenic acid (otc)	Desenex	X	X	X						

**Table 1 – Examples of COVERED indications (1/1/06)**

ICD-9	Description
112.1	Candidiasis of vulva and vagina
112.2	Candidiasis of other urogenital sites
112.4	Candidiasis of the lung
112.5	Disseminated Candidiasis
112.81	Candidal Endocarditis
112.82-112.89	Candidal Otitis Externa - Other Candidiasis site
114.0-114.9	Coccidiomycosis various sites
115.00-115.99	Histoplasmosis
116.0-116.2	Blastomycosis
117 & subsets	Rhinosporidiosis, Sporotrichosis, Chromoblastomycosis, Aspergillosis, Mycotis Mycetomas, Cryptococcosis, Allescheriosis, Zygomycosis, Dematiaceous Fungal Infection, Mycoses Nec and Nos
118	Mycosis, Opportunistic
518.6	Bronchopulmonary Aspergillus, Allergic
616 & subsets	Inflammatory disease of cervix vagina and vulva
681 & subsets	Cellulitis and abscess of finger and toe
771.7	Neonatal Candida infection

**Table 2 – Examples of NOT-COVERED conditions (1/1/06)**

ICD-9	Description
690 & subsets	Erythematous squamous dermatosis
691	Atopic dermatitis and related conditions
691.0	Diaper or napkin rash
691.8	Other atopic dermatitis and related conditions
692 & subsets	Contact dermatitis and other eczema
695.2-695.4	Erythema nodosum, rosacea, lupus erythematosus
695.8-695.9	Other specified erythematous conditions, erythematous cond nec, unspecified erythematous condition
697 & subsets	Lichen
706 & subsets	Diseases of sebaceous glands
111	Dermatomycosis nec/nos
111.0	Pityriasis versicolor
111.2	Tinea blanca
111.3	Black piedra
111.8	Dermatomycoses nec
111.9	Dermatomycosis nos
112.3	Cutaneous candidiasis
112.9	Candidiasis site nos
782.1	Nonspecif skin erupt nec

**Table 3 – Criteria Driven diagnoses (1/1/06)**

ICD-9	Description
110	Dermatophytosis
110.0	Dermatophytosis of scalp and beard (tinea capitis/ tinea barbae)
110.1	Dermatophytosis of nail (onychomycosis)
110.2	Dermatophytosis of hand (tinea manuum)
110.3	Dermatophytosis of groin and perianal area (tinea cruris)
110.4	Dermatophytosis of foot (tinea pedis)
110.5	Dermatophytosis of body (tinea corporis / tinea imbricate)
110.6	Deep seated dermatophytosis
110.8	Dermatophytosis of other specified sites
110.9	Dermatophytosis site of unspecified site
111.1	Tinea nigra
112.0	Candidosis of mouth

Approval Criteria						
1. Is the diagnosis in Table 1, Examples of COVERED indications (1/1/06)?	<p><b>Yes:</b> approve as follows: (Above the line diagnosis)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffff00; text-align: center;"><b>ORAL</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toenails = 12 weeks. Max of 1 course per yr.</li> <li>Fingernails = 6 weeks. Max of 1 course every 6 months.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffff00; text-align: center;"><b>ORAL &amp; TOPICAL</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other diagnosis = Course of treatment only with prn renewals.</li> <li>If length of therapy is unknown, approve for 3 months</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<b>ORAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toenails = 12 weeks. Max of 1 course per yr.</li> <li>Fingernails = 6 weeks. Max of 1 course every 6 months.</li> </ul>	<b>ORAL &amp; TOPICAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other diagnosis = Course of treatment only with prn renewals.</li> <li>If length of therapy is unknown, approve for 3 months</li> </ul>	<b>No:</b> Go to #2.
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2. Is the diagnosis in Table 2, Examples of NOT-COVERED conditions (1/1/06)?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.				
3. Is the diagnosis in Table 3, Criteria Driven diagnoses (1/1/06)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.				
4. Is the client immunocompromised? Document ICD-9 code	<p><b>Yes:</b> approve as follows: (Immunocompromised client)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffff00; text-align: center;"><b>ORAL</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toenails = 12 weeks. Max of 1 course per yr.</li> <li>Fingernails = 6 weeks. Max of 1 course every 6 months.</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffff00; text-align: center;"><b>ORAL &amp; TOPICAL</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other diagnosis = Course of treatment only with prn renewals.</li> <li>If length of therapy is unknown, approve for 3 months</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<b>ORAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toenails = 12 weeks. Max of 1 course per yr.</li> <li>Fingernails = 6 weeks. Max of 1 course every 6 months.</li> </ul>	<b>ORAL &amp; TOPICAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other diagnosis = Course of treatment only with prn renewals.</li> <li>If length of therapy is unknown, approve for 3 months</li> </ul>	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
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<b>If not in list, Pass to RPH for evaluation.</b>						

6. RPH only: All other indications need to be evaluated to see if they are above or below the line diagnosis:

- **If above the line** fungal code, then it may be approved for treatment course with prn renewals. If length of therapy is unknown, approve for 3 months intervals only
- **If below the line**: Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).
- Deny Non-fungal diagnosis (Medical Appropriateness)
- Deny Fungal ICD-9 codes that do not appear on the OHP list pending a more specific diagnosis code (Not Covered by the OHP).
- Forward any fungal ICD-9 codes not found in the Tables 1, 2, or 3 to the Lead Pharmacist. These codes will be forwarded to DMAP to be added to the Tables for future requests.

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*Revision(s): 7-1-06; 11-1-0; 9/1/0*

*Initiated:*

## Antihistamines

**Goal(s):**

- Approve antihistamines only for covered diagnosis.
- Allergic rhinitis treatment is covered by the OHP only when complicated by other diagnoses (e.g. asthma, sleep apnea).
- Promote use that is consistent with Oregon Asthma Guidelines and medical evidence.  
[Http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/asthma/pubs.shtml#oregon](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/asthma/pubs.shtml#oregon)

**Length of Authorization: 6 months**

**Preferred Alternatives:** Oral corticosteroid inhalers, certirizine, chlorpheniramine, diphenhydramine, loratidine & hydroxyzine DO NOT require prior authorization. See: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

**PA Required:** All drugs (antihistamines and combinations) in TC = 14, except those listed above and including, but not limited to, the following:

Drug Code	Brand Name	Generic Name
HSN= 011595	Allegra	Fexofenadine HCL
HSN= 016846	Allegra D	Fexofenadine/Pseudoephedrine HCL
HSN= 006605	Allergy Relief-D	Loratadine/Pseudoephedrine Sulfate
HSN= 004483		Brompheniramine Maleate
HSN= 024112		Brompheniramine Tannate
HSN= 004483		Carbinoxamine Maleate
HSN= 026664		Carbinoxamine Tannate
HSN= 021934	Clarinx	Desloratadine
HSN= 006605	Claritin-D	Loratadine/Pseudoephedrine Sulfate
HSN= 004512		Clemastine Fumarate
HSN= 001672		Cyproheptadine HCL
HSN= 004506		Dexchlorpheniramine Maleate
HSN= 013225		Diphenhydramine Citrate
HSN= 001608		Hydroxyzine HCL
HSN= 006605	Loratadine - D	Loratadine/Pseudoephedrine Sulfate
HSN= 008959	Semprex-D	Acrivis/Pseudoephedrine HCL
HSN= 022959	Xyzal	Levocetirizine

Approval Criteria	
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	<b>Record ICD9 codes.</b>
2. Does client have diagnosis of allergic rhinitis, allergic conjunctivitis, or chronic rhinitis/pharyngitis/nasopharyngitis? (ICD-9: 472.xx, 372.01-05, 372.14, 372.54, 372.56, 477.xx, 995.3, V07.1)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.
	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.
3. Does the client have asthma or reactive airway disease exacerbated by chronic/allergic rhinitis or allergies (493.xx)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.
	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.

<p><b>4</b> Does the drug profile show an asthma controller medication (e.g. ORAL inhaled steroid, leukotriene antagonist, etc.) And/or rescue beta-agonist (e.g. Albuterol) within the last 6 months?</p> <p><i>Keep in mind: albuterol may not need to be used as often if asthma is controlled on other medications.</i></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for 6 months.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)  <i>Oregon Asthma guidelines recommend all asthma clients have access to rescue inhalers and those with persistent disease should use anti-inflammatory medicines daily (preferably orally inhaled steroids).</i></p>
<p><b>5.</b> Does client have other co-morbid conditions or complications that are above the line?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute or chronic inflammation of the orbit (376.0 – 376.12)</li> <li>• Chronic Sinusitis (473.xx)</li> <li>• Acute Sinusitis (461.xx)</li> <li>• Sleep apnea (327.20,327.21,327.23-327.29,780.51, 780.53, 780.57)</li> <li>• Wegener’s Granulomatosis (ICD-446.4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Document ICD-9 codes and Go to #6.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)</p>
<p><b>6.</b> Does client have contraindications (e.g. Pregnant), or had insufficient response to available alternatives? Document</p>	<p><b>Yes,</b> Approve 6 months</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Cost-Effectiveness)</p>
<p><b>7.</b> Is the diagnosis COPD(496) or Obstructive Chronic Bronchitis (491.1-491.2)</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness). Antihistamine not indicated</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #8.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> Is the diagnosis Chronic Bronchitis (491.0, 491.8, 491.9)?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #9.</p>
<p><b>9. RPH only:</b> Is the diagnosis above the line or below the line?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Above:</b> Deny, yesterday’s date (Medical Appropriateness)</li> <li>• <b>Below:</b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP). (e.g., URI-465.9 or Urticaria-708.0, 708.1. 708.5, 708.8, and 995.7 should be denied)</li> </ul>		

**Refer questions regarding coverage to DMAP.**

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Last Revision(s): 7/1/09, 7-1-06, 3-20-06, 10-14-04, 8-1-02, 9/1/06  
Initiation:

# Antimigraine - Triptans

## Goal(s):

- Decrease potential for Medication Overuse Headache through quantity limits and therapeutic duplication denials.
- Promote PDL options. See DUR Board Newsletter:  
[http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume5/5\\_6.pdf](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume5/5_6.pdf)

**Initiative: Anti-migraine PDL, Quantity Limits & Duplicate Therapy.**

**Length of Authorization: up to 6 months**

**Preferred Alternatives:** See PDL options: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

## Check the reason for PA request:

- Non-Preferred drugs will deny on initiation
- Preferred drugs will deny only when maximum dose exceeded
- Both will deny for concurrent therapy (Concurrent triptans by different routes is allowed.i.e. oral + nasal, oral + injectable, nasal + Injectable)

## Quantity Limits Per Labeling

Generic	Brand	Initial dose	Max. Daily dose	Dosage form	Max # has/Mth	Limit
Almotriptan	Axert	6.25-12.5 mg Rpt in 2hr	25 mg	6.25 mg tab 12.5 mg tab (blister pack, 6, 12)	4	12/45d
Eletriptan	Relpax	20–40 mg Rpt in 2hr	80 mg	20 mg tab 40 mg tab (blister pack, 6, 12)	3	12/60d
Frovatriptan	Frova	2.5-5 mg Rpt in 2hr	7.5 mg	2.5 mg tab (blister pack, 9)	4	9/30d
Naratriptan	Amerge	1-2.5 mg Rpt in 4hr	5 mg	1 mg tab 2.5 mg tab (blister pack, 9)	4	9/30d
Rizatriptan	Maxalt Maxalt MLT	5-10 mg Rpt in 2hr	30 mg	5 mg tab 10 mg tab (blister pack, 6, 12)	4	12/30d
Sumatriptan	Imitrex & generics	25-100 mg po rpt In 2 hr	200 mg	25 mg tab, 50mg tab, 100 mg tab (blister pack, 9)	4	9/30d
		5-10 mg NS Rpt in 2 hr	40 mg	5 mg, 10 mg NS (box of 6)	4	6/30d
		3-6 mg SQ Rpt in 2hr	12 mg	6 mg SQ (box 2 syr), kit (2 syr per kit), 6mg/0.5ml vials	4	6/30d 3mls/30d
Sumatriptan	Sumavel	6 mg SQ	12 mg	6mg/0.5ml units (package of 6)	4	3ml/30d
Sumatriptan / Naproxen	Treximet	85mg / 500mg	170 mg / 1000 mg	85mg/500mg tab (box of 9)	4	9/30d
Zomitriptan	Zomig Zomig ZMT	1.25-5 mg Rpt in 2hr	10 mg	2.5 mg tab (blister pack, 6)  5 mg tab (blister pack, 3)	3	6/30d
	Zomig NS	5mg NS Rpt in 2hr	10mg	5mg NS (box of 6)	4	6/30d

## Approval Criteria

1. What is diagnosis being treated?	Record ICD9 code.	
2. Does patient have diagnosis of migraine, ICD-9 346.0-346.9?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH, Deny, (Medical Appropriateness) There is no evidence to support the use of triptans for non-migraine diagnoses.
3. Is drug requested preferred?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
4. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product?  Message:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preferred products do not require PA within recommended dose limits.</li> <li>Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness &amp; safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC).</li> </ul> Reports are available at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a> .	<b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class and dose limits.  <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a>	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
5. Is request for higher dose than listed in quantity limit chart?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can recommend use of migraine prophylactic therapy and reinforce that doses above those recommended by the manufacturer increase the incidence of medication overuse headache (may refer to DUR Board Newsletter above).</li> <li>One life-time 90-day taper may be approved at pharmacist discretion.</li> <li>Document.</li> </ul>	<b>No:</b> Trouble-shoot claim payment (days supply?); Go to #6.
6. Is the request for two different oral triptans concurrently?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #7.	<b>No:</b> Approve for 6 months
7. Is this a switch in triptan therapy due to intolerance, allergy or ineffectiveness?	<b>Yes:</b> Document reason for switch and override for concurrent use for 30 days.	<b>No:</b> Go to #8.
8. Does patient request more triptan due to supply lost or stolen or a vacation/travel supply?	<b>Yes:</b> Document reason and approve for date of service.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH, (Medical Appropriateness). There is no evidence to support the use of two different ORAL triptans concurrently.

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Revision(s): 3/23/10, 1/1/10, 7-1-06, 5-31-05

Initiation: 6/30/04

## Anti-Psoriatics

**Goal(s):** Cover topical anti-psoriatics only for covered OHP diagnoses. Moderate/Severe psoriasis treatments are covered on the OHP. Treatments for mild psoriasis (696.1-696.2, 696.8), seborrheic dermatitis (690.XX), keroderma (701.1-701.3) and other hypertrophic and atrophic conditions of skin (701.8, 701.9) are not covered.

**Length of Authorization: 1 year**

**Preferred Alternatives:** Topical corticosteroids, methotrexate, cyclosporin

**Requires PA:** TC = 92 and HIC = L1A, L5F, L9D, T0A

TC	HIC3	Name of drug	Brand
92		Coal tar	(Various)
	L1A	Acitretin / emollient comb no.26	Soriatane ck
	L1A	Methoxsalen, rapid	Oxsoralen-ultra
	L1A	Methoxsalen	8-mop
	L5F	Anthralin	Psoriatec; drithocrema hp
	L5F	Calcipotriene	Dovonex
	L5F	Tazarotene	Avage, tazorac
	L9D	Methoxsalen	Oxsoralen lotion
	T0A	Betamet diprop / calcipotriene	Taclonex
	T0A	Betamet diprop / calcipotriene	Taclonex scalp

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record ICD9 code	
2. Is the diagnosis for seborrheic dermatitis (690.XX), keroderma (701.1-701.3) or other hypertrophic and atrophic conditions of skin (701.8, 701.9)	<b>Yes:</b> PASS TO RPH - Deny (Not Covered by the OHP).	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
3. Is the diagnosis Psoriasis? ( ICD-9: 696.1-696.2, 696.8)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
4. Is the Psoriasis Moderate/Severe? <i>Defined</i> as: At least 10% body surface area involved or with functional impairment.	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for length of treatment or 1 year.	<b>No:</b> PASS TO RPH Deny (Not Covered by the OHP).
5. RPH only All other indications need to be evaluated as to whether they are above the line or below the line diagnosis.	<b>If above the line or clinic provides supporting literature:</b> approve for length of treatment.	<b>If below the line:</b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).

DUR Board Action: 9/24/09 (klk), 3/19/09(klk), 2/26/06, 5/24/07  
 Revision(s): 1/1/10, 7/1/09, 6/1/07  
 Initiated: 9-1-06

# Antivirals – Topical

**Goal(s):**

- Cover topical anti-virals only for covered diagnoses.
- HSV infections are covered only when complicated by an immunocompromised host.

**Antivirals –Topical    Length of Authorization: Criteria Specific**

**Covered Alternatives:** Oral acyclovir DOES NOT require PA

**Requires PA:** HIC3 = Q5V

HSN	GENERIC	BRAND	ROUTE
004183	Acyclovir	Zovirax	Topical
011636	Penciclovir	Denavir	Topical
021956	Docosanol	Abreva	Topical

## Approval Criteria

1. What is the diagnosis?	Record the ICD9 codes.	
2. Is the diagnosis uncomplicated herpes simplex (not genital) ICD9: 054.2, 054.6, 054.73, 054.9?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #6.
3. Is the client immunocompromised? Document ICD9 code: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is client currently (not history of) diagnosed with Cancer AND currently undergoing chemotherapy or radiation? Document therapy and treatment regimen.</li> <li>Does client have diagnosis of HIV/AIDS?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 1 year (Immunocompromised Client)	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
4. Is client currently taking an immunosuppressive drug? Document drug:  (If drug not in list below, Pass to RPH for evaluation)	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for expected therapy duration or 90 days. (Immunocompromised Client)	<b>No:</b> If Diabetes or Sickle-Cell disease-go to #5. All others go to #6.

Immunosuppressive drugs include, but are not limited to:

Generic Names	Brand Names
Azathioprine	Imuran
Basiliximab	Simulect
Cyclosporine	Sandimmune,
Sirolimus	Neoral
Tacrolimus	Rapamune
Methotrexate	Prograf
Hydroxychloroquine	(MTX) Rheumatrex
Etanercept	Plaquenil
Leflunomide	Enbrel
	Arava

<p><b>5.</b> Does client have Diabetes or Sickle-Cell disease?</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>Diabetes and Sickle-Cell is not considered as immunocompromising for antivirals as it is for antifungals.</i></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH to evaluate for immunosuppression.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If not immunocompromised, Deny (Not Covered by the OHP).</li> <li>➤ If immunocompromised, approve for 1 year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. RPH only:</b></p> <p>All other indications need to be evaluated to see if they are above or below the line diagnosis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>If above,</u></b> viral diagnoses can be approved for treatment course with “prn” renewals. If length of therapy is unknown, please approve for 3 months intervals only (This is an exception to above guidelines and should be discussed with Lead Pharmacist)</li> <li>• <b><u>If below,</u></b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).</li> <li>• <b><u>Deny Non-viral diagnoses</u></b> (Medical Appropriateness).</li> <li>• <b><u>Deny Viral ICD-9 codes</u></b> that do not appear on the OHP list pending a more specific diagnosis code. (Not Covered by the OHP)</li> </ul> <p>Refer questions of coverage to DMAP.</p>		

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# Asthma Controller Drugs

**Goal(s):** The purpose of this prior authorization policy is to ensure that non-preferred asthma controller drugs are used for an above the line condition.

**Initiative:** Asthma Controller PDL

**Length of Authorization:** up to 1 year

**Preferred Alternatives:** Listed at: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

Approval Criteria		
1. Is the requested drug montelukast (Singular)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to Leukotriene Inhibitor Criteria	<b>No:</b> Go to #2.
2. What is the diagnosis?	Record ICD9 code.	
3. Is this an OHP covered diagnosis?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPh, DENY (Not Covered by the OHP).
4. Is this a continuation of current therapy (i.e. filled prescription within prior 90 days)? Verify via pharmacy claims.	<b>Yes:</b> Document prior therapy in PA record. <b>Approve for 1 year.</b>	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
5. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product? Message: - Preferred products do not require PA. - Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness & safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC). Reports are available at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a>	<b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class.  <a href="http://www.orpdl.org">http://www.orpdl.org</a>	<b>No:</b> Approve for 1 year or length of prescription, whichever is less.

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*Revision(s):* 1/1/10  
*Initiated:* 1/1/10

# Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH) Medications

**Goal(s):**

- BPH with urinary obstruction treatment is covered by OHP only when post-void residuals are at least 150ml.
- Cosmetic use for baldness is NOT covered.

**Length of Authorization: 1 year**

**Covered Alternatives:** Generic terazosin, doxazosin and prazosin available without PA;

**Requires PA:**

GCN	Class	Generic	Brand
045052	Alpha Blocker	Alfuzosin	Uroxatral
027546	Alpha Blocker	Tamsulosin	Flomax
064846	Alpha Blocker	Silodosin	Rapaflo
064847			
037050	5-alpha reductase inhibitor	Finasteride	Propecia
041440	5-alpha reductase inhibitor	Finasteride	Proscar
051246	5-alpha reductase inhibitor	Dutasteride	Avodart

## Approval Criteria

1. What is the diagnosis?	Record ICD9 code.	
2. Is the request for an alpha blocker, and does client have a diagnosis related to functional and mechanical disorders of the genitourinary system including bladder outlet obstruction? (592.1, 595.1, 596.0, 596.3-596.5, 596.54, 596.7-596.9, 598, 599.82-599.89)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
3. Has the client tried and failed a 2-month trial of a covered alternative alpha blocker (terazosin, doxazosin, prazosin)?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve an Alpha Blocker only for 1 year	<b>No:</b> Deny until client has tried and failed a covered alternative
4. Does client have a diagnosis of BPH (Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy) or enlarged prostate with obstruction? (600.01, 600.11, 600.21, and 600.91; 788.2 + 600.xx see RPH notes)	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 1 year	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
5. Does client have a diagnosis of unspecified urinary obstruction or benign prostatic hyperplasia without obstruction? ( <b>599.6, 600.00, 600.10, 600.20, and 600.90</b> )	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #6.

- 6. RPH Notes only** - All other indications need to be evaluated to see if they are above or below the line:
- **Above the line** covered diagnoses related to prostate may be approved for 1 year
  - **Below the line** diagnoses (e.g. Hair growth) should be denied (Not Covered by the OHP).
  - Alpha Blockers and 5-alpha reductase inhibitors (ARI) may be used concurrently for BPH up to 1 year. Alpha-blockers may be discontinued once prostate is reduced to normal size.
  - 788.2 (retention of urine, obstructive); Ask for more specific diagnosis. If along with 600.01, 600.11, 600.21 or 600.91, then may approve.

Refer questions of coverage to DMAP.

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 Revision(s): 4/20/10, 5-22-08 (Aebi), 7-1-06, 9-30-05  
 Effective: 10-14-04 (previously excluded)

# Buprenorphine Sublingual

**Goal(s):**

- Expand access to opioid addiction treatment.
- Treatment of pain remains a priority, including e.g. addicts with injury & illness. Buprenorphine would need to be held during opioid treatment, esp. long-acting opioids.

Clinical Guidelines for the Use of Buprenorphine in the Treatment of Opioid Addiction, TIP 40, available at <http://www.samhsa.gov> or <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat5>

**Length of Authorization: up to 6 months; 2 months if MD prescribing for immediate need pending certification.**

**Requires PA:**

GCN	Brand	Generic
051640 051641	Suboxone	buprenorphine/naloxone
029312 029313	Subutex	buprenorphine

Approval Criteria													
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?		Record ICD9 code											
2. Is diagnosis one of the following?:	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr style="background-color: #e0ffe0;"> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;"><b>304.00</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Opioid type dependence unspecified use</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;"><b>304.01</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Opioid type dependence continuous use</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #e0ffe0;"> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;"><b>304.02</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;"></td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #e0ffe0;"> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;"><b>304.70</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Combinations of opioid type drug with other drug dependence unspecified use</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;"><b>304.71</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Combinations of opioid type drug with any other drug dependence continuous.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>304.00</b>	Opioid type dependence unspecified use	<b>304.01</b>	Opioid type dependence continuous use	<b>304.02</b>		<b>304.70</b>	Combinations of opioid type drug with other drug dependence unspecified use	<b>304.71</b>	Combinations of opioid type drug with any other drug dependence continuous.	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny for medical appropriateness.
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3. Is prescriber a Physicians Assistant or Nurse Practitioner? (NPs & PAs may not prescribe.)		<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH. Deny for medical appropriateness.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.										
4. Does prescribing physician have a Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA)-2000 waiver ID number (also termed a special X-DEA license or certification)? OR Prescriber provides copy of SAMSHA certification request pending with "Immediate Need" checked? (Once MD meets criteria SAMHSA may take 45 days to process.)  <i>Note: Physicians do not have to list their license on the SAMHSA Buprenorphine Physician Locator web site, which is publicly available. Pharmacists may call the Buprenorphine Information Center at 1-866-BUP-CSAT to verify unlisted or application under review prescribers.</i>		<b>Yes:</b> Document number or attach copy of the SMASHA request to PA record. Go to #6.	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.										

<p><b>5. Does MD qualify for waiver from separate registration?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Must have a valid DEA license, <b>AND</b></li> <li>➤ Board certified in addiction medicine, <b>OR</b></li> <li>➤ Employed by an opioid treatment program, <b>OR</b></li> <li>➤ Federally employed physicians (e.g. IHS or VA)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #6.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny for medical appropriateness.</p> <p>Encourage physician to get training &amp; register at SAMSHA  <a href="http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/howto.html">http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/howto.html</a> or FAX "intent" form to 240-276-1630 at DEA.</p>
<p><b>6. Is patient concurrently on long-acting opioids (check claim record &amp; inform prescriber of any current claims)?</b></p> <p>Examples of long-acting opioids include:  methadone (e.g. Dolophine, Methadose)  levodromoran  long-acting morphine (e.g. MS Contin, Oramorph SR, Kadian, Avinza)  long-acting oxycodone (e.g. OxyContin)  fentanyl patches (e.g. Duragesic)  Opana XR</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH. Deny for medical appropriateness.</p> <p><b>DO NOT GIVE</b> methadone, or any long-acting opiate <b>CONCURRENTLY</b> with buprenorphine. If currently on methadone, reduce to stable state of 30 mg methadone equivalent (methadone 40 = buprenorphine 6mg), then wait 24 hours to initiate buprenorphine</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #7.</p>
<p><b>7. Is patient concurrently on other opioids (check claim record &amp; inform prescriber of any current claims in STC 40)?</b></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH. Deny for medical appropriateness.</p> <p>If MD can provide rationale for concurrent therapy document in PA record &amp; continue to #8.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #8.</p>
<p><b>8. Is dose <math>\leq</math> 24 mg / day (may average every other day therapy, i.e. 48mg qod).</b></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #9.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH. DENY. Deny for medical appropriateness.</p> <p>If MD can provide rationale, document in PA record &amp; continue to #9.</p>
<p><b>9. What is patient's pharmacy of choice?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Document pharmacy name &amp; NPI or address in PA record.</li> <li>➤ Lock patient into their pharmacy of choice for 6 months.</li> <li>➤ Use reason code: Suboxone.</li> </ul>	<p>Inform prescriber patient will be locked in to a single pharmacy for all prescriptions. Go to #10.</p>	
<p><b>10. What is the expected length of treatment?</b>  Document treatment length in PA record.</p>	<p>a) If Prescriber is waiting for SAMSHA certification (#3) subsequent approvals dependent on certification: Approve x 2months.</p> <p>b) If Prescriber is certified (#3): Approve for anticipated length of treatment or 6 months, whichever is shorter.</p>	

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Revision(s):

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## Central Nervous System (CNS) Sedatives - Benzodiazepine Quantity Limit

### Goal(s):

- Approve only for covered OHP diagnoses.
- Treatment of uncomplicated insomnia is not covered, but insomnia contributing to covered comorbid conditions is.
- Prevent adverse events associated with long-term sedative use.
- Clients coming onto the plan on chronic sedative therapy are grandfathered.(refer to criteria). Also see related Sedative Therapy Duplication edit. The safety and effectiveness of chronic sedative use is not established in the medical literature. There is a documented increased risk of serious adverse events in the elderly. See DUR Board Newsletter: [http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume8/DURV8I1.html](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume8/DURV8I1.html) and [Http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume3/3\\_2.htm#chronic](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume3/3_2.htm#chronic)

### Length of Authorization: 6 months to 1 year, (criteria specific)

**Covered Alternatives:** Zolpidem (NDC's priced as generic), trazodone, mirtazapine, diphenhydramine or tricyclic antidepressants may be alternatives for some clients.

	TC	HSN	GENERIC	BRAND
<b>Requires PA:</b> Quantity <span style="color: red;">Exceeding</span> Limit of 15 doses / 30 days	47	001592	Temazepam	Restoril
	47	001593	Flurazepam HCL	Dalmane
	47	001594	Triazolam	Halcion
	47	001595	Quazepam	Doral
	47	006036	Estazolam	Prosom

### Approval Criteria

1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	<b>Record the ICD9 code</b>	
2. Does client have diagnosis of insomnia with sleep apnea, ICD9: 780.51?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
3. Is client on CPAP?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year. The use of CPAP essentially negates the sedative contraindication and they are often prescribed to help clients cope with the mask.	<b>No:</b> PASS TO RPH, DENY (Medical appropriateness). Due to the depressant effects of sedative/ hypnotics, sedative/hypnotics are contraindicated for this diagnosis and are not approvable.
4. Is the client being treated for co-morbid depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder or panic (i.e. Is there an existing claim history of antidepressants, lithium, antipsychotics, or other appropriate mental health drugs)?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year	<b>No:</b> PASS TO RPH, Go to #5.
5. RPH only: Is diagnosis being treated a covered indication on the OHP and is there medical evidence of benefit of the prescribed sedative? All indications need to be evaluated as to whether they are above the line or below the line.	<b>Above:</b> Document supporting literature and approve up to 6 months with subsequent approvals dependent on f/u and documented response.	<b>Below:</b> Go to #6.
6. RPH only: Is this a request for continuation therapy for client with history of chronic use where discontinuation would be difficult or unadvisable? <i>NOTE: Clients coming onto the plan on chronic sedative therapy are "grandfathered."</i>	<b>Yes:</b> Document length of treatment and last follow-up date. Approve for up to 1 year.	<b>No:</b> DENY (Medical Appropriateness)

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Revision(s): 1-1-07, 7-1-06, 11-15-05

Initiated:

11-15-02

# Central Nervous System (CNS) - Sedative Non-Benzodiazepines

**Goal(s):**

- Approve only for covered OHP diagnoses.
- Treatment of uncomplicated insomnia is not covered; insomnia contributing to covered co-morbid conditions is.
- Prevent adverse events associated with long-term sedative use. Clients coming onto the plan on chronic sedative therapy (continuously for >90) are “grandfathered.” (Refer to criteria).
  - See related **Sedative Therapy Duplication** edit. The safety and effectiveness of chronic sedative use is not established in the medical literature. There is a documented increased risk of serious adverse events in the elderly.
  - See **DUR Board Newsletter**:  
[http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume8/DURV811.html](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume8/DURV811.html) and  
[Http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume3/3\\_2.htm#chronic](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume3/3_2.htm#chronic)

**Length of Authorization: 6 months to 1 year, (criteria specific)**

**Covered Alternatives:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Zolpidem (NDC’s priced as generic)</li> <li>➤ Trazodone</li> <li>➤ Mirtazapine</li> <li>➤ Diphenhydramine</li> <li>➤ Tricyclic antidepressants</li> </ul>	<p><b>May be alternatives for some clients.</b></p>
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Benzodiazepine sedatives are available for short-term (15 doses/30days) without PA.

**Requires PA:**

TC	HSN	GENERIC	BRAND
47	007842	**	Ambien, Ambien CR, Ambien PAK
47	020347	Zaleplon	Sonata
47	026791	Eszopiclone	Lunesta
47	033126	Ramelteon	Rozerem

\* Quantity Limit edit does not apply to Non-Benzodiazepines  
 \*\*for HSN 007842, GCNs 019187 and 019188 are exceptions

**Approval Criteria**

1. What is the diagnosis?	Record the ICD9 code.	
2. Does client have diagnosis of insomnia with sleep apnea, ICD9: 780.51?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
3. Is client on CPAP?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year. The use of CPAP essentially negates the sedative contraindication and they are often prescribed to help clients cope with the mask.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical appropriateness). Sedative/hypnotics, due to depressant effect, are contraindicated for this diagnosis and are not approvable.

<p><b>4.</b> Is the client being treated for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Co-morbid depression,</li> <li>✓ Anxiety,</li> <li>✓ Bipolar disorder or</li> <li>✓ Panic</li> </ul> <p>(i.e. Is there an existing claim history of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Antidepressants,</li> <li>✓ Lithium,</li> <li>✓ Antipsychotics, or</li> <li>✓ Other appropriate mental health drugs)?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #5.</p>
<p><b>5.</b> RPH only: Is diagnosis being treated a covered indication on the OHP and is there medical evidence of benefit of the prescribed sedative?</p> <p>All indications need to be evaluated as to see if they are above the line or below the line.</p>	<p><b>Above:</b> Document supporting literature and approve up to 6 months with subsequent approvals dependent on f/u and documented response.</p>	<p><b>Below:</b> Go to #6.</p>
<p><b>6.</b> RPH only: Is this a request for continuation therapy for client with history of chronic use where discontinuation would be difficult or unadvisable?</p> <p><i>NOTE: Clients coming onto the plan on chronic sedative therapy are "grandfathered."</i></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Document length of treatment and last follow-up date. Approve for up to 1 year.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>

DUR Board Action: 5-18-06, 2-23-06, 11-10-05, 9-15-05, 2-24-04, 2-5-02, 9-7-01  
Revision(s): 1-1-07, 7-1-06, 11-15-05  
Initiated: 11-15-02

# Central Nervous System (CNS) – Sedatives- Therapeutic Duplication

**Goal(s):**

- Prevent duplicate sedative use.
- Approve only for covered OHP diagnoses.
- Treatment of uncomplicated insomnia is not covered; insomnia contributing to covered comorbid conditions is.
- **Also see related Benzo Quantity edit and Non-benzo Sedative edit.**
- The safety and effectiveness of chronic sedative use is not established in the medical literature. There is a documented increased risk of serious adverse events in the elderly. See DUR Board Newsletter: [http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume8/DURV811.html](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume8/DURV811.html) and [http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume3/3\\_2.htm#chronic](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume3/3_2.htm#chronic)

**Length of Authorization: 1 month**

**Covered Alternatives:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Trazodone</li> <li>➤ Mirtazapine</li> <li>➤ Diphenhydramine</li> <li>➤ Tricyclic antidepressants</li> </ul>	<p>May be alternatives for some clients.</p>
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**Requires PA:** The plan prohibits the client from receiving two oral sedative medications at the same time. POS system screens duplicate oral sedative claims in the prior 30 days. If client has a covered diagnosis, treatment with any single agent is approvable.

Benzodiazepine sedatives, zolpidem & zaleplon in TC=47

TC	HSN	GENERIC	BRAND
47	001592	Temazepam	Restoril
47	001593	Flurazepam HCL	Dalmane
47	001594	Triazolam	Halcion
47	001595	Quazepam	Doral
47	006036	Estazolam	Prosom
47	007842	Zolpidem	Ambien, Ambien CR, Ambien PAK
47	020347	Zaleplon	Sonata
	026791	Eszopiclone	Lunesta
	033126	Ramelteon	Rozerem

## Approval Criteria

1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record the diagnosis, ICD9 code and reject the internal error code	
2. Is this a switch in sedative therapy due to intolerance, allergy or ineffectiveness?	<p><b>Yes:</b> Document reason for switch and approve duplication for 30 days.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical appropriateness). There is no evidence to support the use of two different sedatives concurrently. Continuous use of a single sedative is approvable for covered diagnoses. (See benzo quantity limit sedative and non-benzo PA)</p>

DUR Board Action: 5-18-06  
 Revision(s):  
 Initiated: 1/1/07

# Central Nervous System (CNS) – Stimulants

## Goal(s):

- Cover stimulants only for OHP covered diagnoses (e.g. ADHD, narcolepsy).
- Restrict to doses supported by medical literature and promote preferred drugs in class.
- The long-term effects of stimulants are unknown. Adverse events are more frequently associated with high doses. However, effectiveness is not linearly associated with dose.

## Initiative: CNS Stimulants (Non-PDL & Excessive Dose)

**Length of Authorization: 1 month, 2 month or 1 year, (criteria specific)**

### Check the reason for PA request:

- Non-Preferred drugs will deny on initiation.
- Preferred drugs will deny only when maximum dose is exceeded.
- When a PA is entered, clients are locked into the per day quantity we enter in our PA. If the dose is increased, claims will reject for “plan limitations”. If that happens and the client is still meeting criteria, then end the old PA and enter a new one with the updated directions.

**Preferred Alternatives:** Listed at: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

**PA does NOT concern** drugs in STC 07 or 11, however, these drugs are not to be encouraged. The State is prohibited from prior authorizing Class 11 drugs by statute. These include:

- armodafinil (Nuvigil)
- atomoxetine (Strattera)
- modafanil (Provigil)

Approval Criteria		
1. What diagnosis is the stimulant being used to treat?	Record ICD9 code	
2. Is diagnosis one of the following?: ADHD (ICD9 314-314.01); Narcolepsy (ICD9 341) Drug-induced sedation (ICD9 292.89)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
3. Is the diagnosis above the line? Unspecified hypersomnia (ICD9 780.54) and Obesity treatment (278.0 - 278.1) are below the line.-	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.
4. Is drug requested preferred?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #7.	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
5. Is this continuation of therapy (claim indicating prescription filled within prior 90 days)?	<b>Yes:</b> Document prior prescription drug & date in PA record. Go to #7.	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.
6. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product? Message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred products do not require PA for FDA approved doses.</li> <li>• Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness &amp; safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC).</li> </ul> Reports are available at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a>	<b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class and dose limits.  <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/Pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/Pharmacy/main.html</a>	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.
7. Is dose greater than limits in table below?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #8.	<b>No.</b> Approve for up to 1 year.

8. Is the prescriber a psychiatrist?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year	<b>No:</b> Go to #9.
9. Is the patient < 18 years old?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #10.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness) Dose exceeds maximum recommended dose
10. How much does the patient weigh?	Document patient's weight and continue to #11.	
11. Is the patient receiving an accumulative dose that EXCEEDS 2mg/kg/day of methylphenidate products or EXCEEDS 0.5mg/kg/day of amphetamine products?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny. (Medical Appropriateness) - Dose exceeds maximum recommended dose. Consider switching to an alternative stimulant drug class or assessing compliance with the current therapy.	<b>No:</b> Approve for up to 1 year.

**Additional Criteria for Pharmacists:**

If a client does not meet criteria and has been established on high doses (long term use), then:

1. A 1-month PA may be entered to allow time for the provider to collect the necessary information (i.e. patient's weight).
2. A 2-month PA may be entered to allow the physician to taper the patient down to acceptable doses.
3. If neither #1 nor #2 is acceptable to the prescriber, a 1-month PA may be entered; refer them for provider reconsideration and Medical Director review.

**See Maximum Recommended Dose Limits for Stimulants next page.**

**MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED DOSE LIMITS FOR STIMULANTS**

<b>HICL 001682 Methylphenidate (&gt;90mg)</b>		
<b>Brand</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>
Methylin/Ritalin	5mg tab	18
Methylin/Ritalin	10mg tab	9
Methylin/Ritalin	20mg tab	4
Metadate ER, Methylin ER, Ritalin SR	20mg ER/SR tab	4
Metadate ER, Methylin ER	10mg ER tab	9
Metadate CD	10mg CD cap	9
Metadate CD	20mg CD cap	4
Metadate CD	30mg CD cap	3
Metadate CD	40mg CD cap	2
Metadate CD	50mg CD cap	1
Metadate CD	60mg CD cap	1
Ritalin LA	10mg LA cap	9
Ritalin LA	20mg LA cap	4
Ritalin LA	30mg LA cap	3
Ritalin LA	40mg LA cap	2
Concerta	18mg tab	5
Concerta	27mg tab	3
Concerta	36mg tab	2
Concerta	54mg tab	1
Methylin	2.5mg chew tab	36
Methylin	5mg chewable tab	18
Methylin	10mg chewable tab	9
Methylin	5mg/5ml soln.	90mls
Methylin	10mg/5ml soln.	45mls
<b>HICL 022987 Dexmethylphenidate (&gt;20mg)</b>		
<b>Brand</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>
Focalin	2.5 mg tab	8
Focalin	5mg tab	4
Focalin	10mg tab	2
Focalin XR	5mg XR cap	4
Focalin XR	10mg XR cap	2
Focalin XR	20mg XR cap	1
Focalin XR	30mg XR cap	1
<b>HICL 002067 Methamphetamine (&gt;60mg)</b>		
<b>Brand</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>
Desoxyn	5mg tab	12
Desoxyn	10mg tab	6
Desoxyn	5mg SA tab	12
Desoxyn	10mg SA tab	6
Desoxyn	15mg SA tab	4

<b>HICL 013449 Mixed Amphetamine Salts (&gt;60mg)</b>		
<b>Brand</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>
Adderall	5 mg tab	12
Adderall	10mg tab	6
Adderall	20mg tab	3
Adderall	30mg tab	2
Adderall	7.5mg tab	8
Adderall	12.5mg tab	5
Adderall	15mg tab	4
Adderall XR	10mg XR cap	6
Adderall XR	20mg XR cap	3
Adderall XR	30mg XR cap	2
Adderall XR	5 mg XR cap	12
Adderall XR	15mg XR cap	4
Adderall XR	25mg XR cap	2

<b>HICL 002065 Dextroamphetamine (&gt;40mg)</b>		
<b>Brand</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>
Dexedrine Spansule	5mg SA cap	8
Dexedrine Spansule	10mg SA cap	4
Dexedrine Spansule	15mg SA cap	2
Dexedrine	5mg/5ml elixir	40mls
Dextrostat/Dexedrine	5mg tab	8
Dextrostat	10mg tab	4
Dextrostat	15mg tab	2

<b>HICL 034486 Lisdexamfetamine (&gt;70mg)</b>		
<b>Brand</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>
Vyvanse	20mg	2
Vyvanse	30mg	2
Vyvanse	40mg	1
Vyvanse	50mg	1
Vyvanse	60mg	1
Vyvanse	70mg	1

<b>HICL 033556 Methylphenidate transdermal (&gt;30mg)</b>		
<b>Brand</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>
Daytrana	10 mg	1
Daytrana	15 mg	1
Daytrana	20 mg	1
Daytrana	30 mg	1

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*Initiated:*

# Cough and Cold Preparations

**Goal(s):**

- Limit use of cough and cold preparations to covered diagnoses.
- Symptomatic treatment of upper respiratory tract infections is not covered by the OHP.

**Length of Authorization: 1 year**

**Covered Alternatives:**

These generic preparations **DO NOT** require prior authorization:

HSN	DRUG NAME (GENERIC)
000271	Guaifenesin
000206	Guaifenesin/Codeine PHOS
000223	Guaifenesin/D-methorphan HB
002091	Pseudoephedrine HCL

**PA Required:**

All drugs (antihistamines and combinations) in TC = 16, 17 except those listed above.  
 TC 16 = Cough Preparations/ Expectorants  
 TC 17 = Cough and Cold Preparations

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis?	Record ICD9 code.	
2. Is the diagnosis an OHP covered diagnosis? All indications need to be evaluated to see if they are covered diagnoses on the Oregon Health Plan list of prioritized services. <a href="http://egov.oregon.gov/DAS/OHPPR/HSC/current_prior.s.html">http://egov.oregon.gov/DAS/OHPPR/HSC/current_prior.s.html</a>	<b>Yes:</b> Above the line diagnosis: Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Below the line diagnosis: Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).  Offer alternatives
3. Has the client tried and failed or are they contraindicated to one of the covered alternatives listed above?	<b>Yes:</b> document failure. Approve for one year.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Cost Effectiveness)

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# Dispense As Written-1 (DAW-1) Reimbursement Rate

## Brand Name and Multi-source

**Goal(s):**

- State compliance with US CFR 42 Ch.IV §447.512
- Encourage use of generics.
- Cover multi-source brand drugs at the higher reimbursement rate (DAW-1) only when diagnosis is covered by OHP and medically necessary.

**Length of Authorization: 1 year**

**Covered Alternatives:** Prior Authorization is NOT required when multi-source brands are dispensed with DAW codes other than DAW-1 and thus pay at State Maximum Allowable Cost (SMAC) or Federal Upper Limits (FUL) reimbursement rates.

SMAC and/or FUL are applied only when two or more A-rated generics are available from a manufacturer that participates in the Federal rebate program. SMAC and FUL prices and dispute forms are listed at: <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/billing.html>

**Requires PA:** All multi-source drugs dispensed with a DAW-1 code (**except** narrow therapeutic index drugs listed below) as defined in ORS 414.325.

**NO PA Required:**

Narrow-therapeutic Index Drugs that WILL PAY Without Prior Authorization		
HSN	Generic Name	Brand Name(s)
001893	Carbamazepine	Tegretol
004834	Clozapine	Clozaril
004524	Cyclosporine	Sandimmune
010086	Cyclosporine, modified	Neoral
000004	Digoxin	Lanoxin
002849	Levothyroxine	Levothroid, Synthroid
008060	Pancrelipase	Pancrease
001879	Phenytoin	Dilantin
002812	Warfarin	Coumadin
008974	Tacrolimus	Prograf
000025	Theophylline controlled-release	Various
HIC3-C4G	Insulin(s)	Various

### Approval Criteria: What is the diagnosis being treated with the branded drug?

<b>1.</b> Is the diagnosis an OHP (DMAP) above the line diagnosis?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #2.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny (Not Covered by the OHP). Offer alternative of using generic or pharmacy accepting generic price (no DAW-1)
<b>2.</b> Is the drug requested an antiepileptic in Std TC 48 (e.g. Lamotrigine) or immunosuppressant in Spec TC Z2E (e.g. Cellcept) and is the client stabilized on the branded product?	<b>Yes:</b> Document prior use and approve for one year.	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
<b>3.</b> Does client have documented failure (either therapeutic or contraindications) on an AB-rated generic? (usually 2 weeks is acceptable)	<b>Yes:</b> Document date used and results of trial. Approve for one year.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Cost Effectiveness)

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## Exclusion List

- Deny payment for drug claims for drugs that are only FDA-approved for indications that are not covered by the Oregon Health Plan.
- Other exclusionary criteria are in rules at:  
<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html>.

Excerpt from OAR 410-121-0147 Exclusions and Limitations (DMAP Pharmaceutical Services Program)
<p>The following items are not covered for payment by the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Drug Products for diagnoses below the funded line on the Health Services Commission Prioritized List;</li> <li>(2) Home pregnancy kits;</li> <li>(3) Fluoride for individuals over 18 years of age;</li> <li>(4) Expired drug products;</li> <li>(5) Drug Products from Non-Rebatable Manufacturers;</li> <li>(6) Drug products that are not assigned a National Drug Code (NDC) number;</li> <li>(7) Drug products that are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA);</li> <li>(8) Drug products dispensed for Citizen/Alien-Waived Emergency Medical client benefit type;</li> <li>(9) DESI drugs (see OAR 410-121-0420);</li> <li>(10) Medicare Part D covered drugs or classes of drugs for fully dual eligible clients;...</li> </ul>

**NOTE:** Returns as “70 – NDC NOT COVERED”

Approval Criteria		
<b>1. What is the diagnosis?</b>	<b>Record the ICD9 code.</b>	
<b>2. For what reason is it being rejected?</b>		
<b>2A.</b> “70” NDC Not Covered (Transaction line states “Bill Medicare”)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to the Medicare B initiative in these criteria.	<b>No:</b> Go to #2B.
<b>2B.</b> “70” NDC Not Covered (Transaction line states “Bill Medicare or Bill Medicare D”)	<b>Yes:</b> Informational Pa to bill specific agency	<b>No:</b> Go to #2C.
<b>2C.</b> “70” NDC Not Covered (due to expired or invalid NDC number)	<b>Yes:</b> Informational PA with message <i>“The drug requested does not have a valid National Drug Code number and is not covered by Medicaid. Please bill with correct NDC number.”</i>	<b>No:</b> Go to #2D.
<b>2D.</b> “70” NDC Not Covered (due to DME items) (Error code M5 –requires manual claim)	<b>Yes:</b> Informational PA (Need to billed via DME billing rules) 1-800-336-6016	<b>No:</b> Go to #2E.
<b>2E.</b> “70” NDC Not Covered (Transaction line states “Non-Rebatable Drugs” )	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH, Deny, (Non-Rebatable Drug) with message <i>“The drug requested is made by company that does not participate in Medicaid Drug Rebate Program and is therefore not covered”</i>	<b>No:</b> Go to #2F.

<p><b>2F.</b> “70” NDC Not Covered (Transaction line states “DESI Drug”)</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH, Deny, (DESI Drug) with message,  <i>“The drug requested is listed as a “Less-Than-Effective Drug” by the FDA and not covered by Medicaid.”</i></p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH. Go to #3.</p>
<p><b>3.</b> RPH only: “70” NDC Not Covered (Drugs on the Exclusion List) All indications need to be evaluated to see if they are above the line or below the line.</p>	<p><b>Above:</b> Deny, yesterday’s date (Medically Appropriateness) and use clinical judgment to APPROVE for 1 month starting today to allow time for appeal.</p> <p><b>Message:</b> <i>“Although the request has been denied for long term use because it is considered medically inappropriate, it has also been APPROVED for one month to allow time for appeal.”</i></p>	<p><b>Below:</b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)</p> <p><b>Message:</b> <i>“The treatment for your condition is not a covered service on the Oregon Health Plan.”</i></p>

*If the MAP desk notes a drug is often requested for a covered indication, notify Lead Pharmacist so that policy changes can be considered for valid covered diagnoses.*

**See: Exclusion list next page.**

## Exclusion List

Drug Code	Description	DMAP Policy
DCC = 1	Drugs To Treat Impotency/ Erectile Dysfunction	Impotency Not Covered on OHP List
DCC = B	Fertility Agents	Fertility Treatment Not Covered on OHP List
DCC = D	Diagnostics	DME Billing Required
DCC= F, except HSN = 018751 002111 002112 002070 002113 016924	Weight Loss Drugs	Weight Loss Not Covered on OHP List except In cases of co-morbidity. Exceptions are Prior Authorized
DCC= Y	Ostomy Supplies	DME Billing Required
HIC3= B0P	Inert Gases	DME Billing Required
HIC3= L1C	Hypertrichotic Agents, Systemic/Including Combinations	Cosmetic Indications Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3= Q6F	Contact Lens Preparations	Cosmetic Indications Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=X1C	Iud's	DME Billing Required
HIC3=D6C	Alosetron Hcl	IBS Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=D6E	Trgaserod	IBS Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L1D	Hyperpigmentation Agents	
HIC3=L3P	Astringents	
HIC3=L4A	Topical Antipruritic Agents	
HIC3=L5A; Except HSN= 002466 006081 (Podophyllin Resin)	Keratolytics	Acne, Warts, Corns/Calluses; Seborrhea Are Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L5B	Sunscreens	Cosmetic Indications, Acne, Atopic Dermatitis, Warts, Corns/Callouses; Diaper Rash, Seborrhea Are Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L5C	Abrasives	Cosmetic Indications, Acne, Atopic Dermatitis, Warts, Corns/Callouses; Diaper Rash, Seborrhea Are Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L5E	Anti Seborrheic Agents	Seborrhea Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L5G	Acne Agents	Acne Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L5H	Acne Agents, Topical	Acne Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L6A; Except HSN = 002577 002576 002574 002572 (Capsaicin)	Irritants	Acne, Atopic Dermatitis, Seborrhea, Sprains Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L7A	Shampoos	Cosmetic Indications, Seborrhea, Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L8A	Deodorants	Cosmetic Indications Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L8B	Antiperspirants	Cosmetic Indications Not Covered on OHP List

## Exclusion List (cont.)

Drug Code	Description	DMAP Policy
HIC3=L9A	Topical Agents, Misc	Cosmetic Indications, Acne, Atopic Dermatitis, Warts, Corns/Callouses; Diaper Rash, Seborrhea, are Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L9B	Vit A Used for Skin	Acne Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L9C	Antimelanin Agents	Pigmentation Disorders Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L9D	Topical Hyperpigmentation Agent	Pigmentation Disorders Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L9F	Topical Skin Coloring Dy Agent	Cosmetic Indications Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L9I	Topical Cosmetic Agent; Vit A	Cosmetic Indications Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=L9J	Hair Growth Reduction Agents	Cosmetic Indications Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=Q5C	Topical Hypertrichotic Agents	Cosmetic Indications Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=Q5K	Topical Immunosuppressants	Atopic Dermatitis Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3=Q6R, Q6U, Q6D	Antihistamine-Decongestant, Vasoconstrictor and Mast Cell Eye Drops	Allergic Conjunctivitis Not Covered on OHP List
HIC3= U5A, U5B, U5F & S2H plus HSN= 014173	Herbal Supplements " Natural Anti-Inflammatory Supplements" - Not Including Nutritional Supplements such as: Ensure, Boost, Etc.	
HSN = 004045 + ROA = TOPICAL	Clindamycin Topical	Acne Not Covered on OHP List
HSN=003344	Sulfacetamide Sodium/Sulfur Topical	Acne Not Covered on OHP List
HSN=008712, 004022 + ROA=TOPICAL	Erythromycin Topical	Acne Not Covered on OHP List
HSN=025510	Rosac	Acne Not Covered on OHP List
TC = 93; Except HSN = 002363 (dextranomer) 002361 (zno)	Emmolients/Protectants	Cosmetic Indications, Acne, Atopic Dermatitis, Warts, Corns/Callouses; Diaper Rash, Seborrhea, Psoriasis Are Not Covered on OHP List

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## Fentanyl Transmucosal and Buccal

The purpose of this prior authorization policy is to ensure that Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis is appropriately prescribed in accordance to FDA black box warning:

- *“Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis is indicated only for the management of breakthrough cancer pain in clients with malignancies who are already receiving and who are tolerant to opioid therapy for their underlying persistent cancer pain.*
- *Clients considered opioid tolerant are those who are taking at least 60 mg morphine/day, 50 mcg transdermal fentanyl/hour, or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid for a week or longer.*
- *Because life-threatening hypoventilation could occur at any dose in clients not taking chronic opiates, Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis is contraindicated in the management of acute or postoperative pain.*
- *This product must not be used in opioid non-tolerant clients. Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis is intended to be used only in the care of cancer clients and only by oncologists and pain specialists who are knowledgeable of and skilled in the use of Schedule II opioids to treat cancer pain.*
- *When prescribing do not convert patients from other fentanyl products on a mcg per mcg basis. Pharmacokinetic differences between products could cause fatal over dose.*
- *Caution should be used when combining Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis with CYP3A4 inhibitors. Increases in fentanyl concentrations could cause fatal respiratory depression.*
- *Patients and their caregivers must be instructed that Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis contains a medicine in an amount which can be fatal to a child. Patients and their caregivers must be instructed to keep all units out of the reach of children and to discard opened units properly.”*

**Initiative: MAP: Actiq/Fentora**

**Length of Authorization: Up to 6 months (w/qty limit)**

**Covered Alternatives:** Generic morphine solutions and hydromorphone, morphine or oxycodone tablets **DO NOT** require PA.

**The following requires PA:**

GSN	GENERIC	BRAND
<b>022358, 022360, 041339, 041340, 041341, 041342</b>	Fentanyl Citrate	Actiq
<b>061492, 061493, 063177, 061495, 061496, 061497</b>	Fentanyl Citrate	Fentora
<b>65552, 65553, 65554, 65555, 65556</b>	Fentanyl Citrate	Onsolis

<b>Approval Criteria</b>		
<b>1.</b> What is the diagnosis for which Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis is being requested?		Record ICD9 code and reject/internal error code
<b>2.</b> Is the pain diagnosis above the line or below the line? <i>(for DMAP, Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis is not limited to cancer pain but must be severe chronic pain)</i>	<b>Above the line:</b> go to #3.	<b>Below the line:</b> No, Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).
<b>3.</b> Is the prescriber an oncologist or pain specialist?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness), <i>with message:</i>  <i>“The described use is not consistent with the FDA labeling which Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis be used only by oncologists and pain specialists who are knowledgeable of and skilled in the use of Schedule II opioids to treat cancer pain.”</i>
<b>4.</b> Is client tolerant to opioids ( <b>Check profile</b> ), defined as chronic long-acting opioid dose of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morphine greater than 60 mg per day? <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Transdermal fentanyl 50 mcg per hour? <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Equianalgesic dose of another opioid for at least one week?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness), <i>with message:</i>  <i>“Your request was reviewed and denied because it is not consistent with the FDA labeling. A trial of immediate release morphine or oxycodone is recommended prior to use of Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis.”</i>
<b>5.</b> Has the client tried and failed immediate release morphine or oxycodone? OR is the client allergic, unable to swallow or intolerant to morphine and oxycodone?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #6.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness), <i>with message:</i>  <i>“Your request was reviewed and denied based on the following: A trial of immediate release morphine or oxycodone is recommended prior to use of Actiq/Fentora/Onsolis.”</i>
<b>6.</b> Is the quantity >4 doses per day?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness), <i>with message:</i>  <i>“Your request for a quantity greater than 4 has been denied because it exceeds limits.”</i>	<b>No:</b> Approve for up to 6 months with quantity limit of 4 lollipops/tablets per day (i.e. 120/30 days).  Assessment for dental caries recommended with use of fentanyl transmucosal lozenge (Actiq) due to sugar content.

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# Hormones – Growth Hormone

## (Somatrem, Somatropin)

**Goal(s):** Cover drugs only for covered diagnoses and those where there is medical evidence of effectiveness and safety.

**Length of Authorization: 3 months, 1 year, 2 years, lifetime (criteria specific)**

**Note:** Criteria is divided into:

→ **Pediatric (<18 years old)**

- New therapy
- Renewal therapy

→ **Adult (≥18 years old)**

- New therapy
- Renewal therapy

→ **AIDS wasting**

- New therapy
- Renewal therapy

**Requires PA:** All drugs in HIC3 = P1A

Brand	Generic	FDA Indications	Dosing
Accretropin	Somatropin recombinant	GHD, Turner	Daily
Genotropin Genotroptin Miniquick	Somatropin	GHD, PWS, SGA, AGHD, Turner	Daily
Humatrope	Somatropin	GHD, Turner, AGHD, ISS, SHOX	Daily
Norditropin	Somatropin	GHD, AGHD, Turner, Noonan	Daily
Nutropin; Nutropin AQ; Norditropin Nordiflex	Somatropin	GHD, CRI, ISS, Turner, AGHD	Daily
Nutropin Depot	Somatropin	GHD	Monthly
Omnitrope	Somatropin recombinant	GHD, AGHD	Daily
Saizen	Somatropin	GHD, AGHD	Daily
Serostim	Somatropin	AIDS wasting	Daily
TEV-Tropin	Somatropin	GHD	3 times / week
Zorbtive	Somatropin	Short Bowl Syndrome	Daily

Pediatric Approval Criteria (<18 years old) - New Therapy		
1. Is this a request for initiation of growth hormone?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to question #2.	<b>No:</b> Go to renewal therapy
2. Is the prescriber a pediatric endocrinologist or pediatric nephrologist?	<b>Yes:</b> Document and go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
3. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record ICD9 code and reject/internal error code go to #4.	
4. Is the diagnosis one of the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth hormone deficiency (GHD) (253.2 – 253.5)</li> <li>• Turner's Syndrome (758.6)</li> <li>• Noonan Syndrome (759.89)</li> <li>• Pre-transplant chronic renal insufficiency (CRI) (593.9)</li> <li>• Prader - Willi Syndrome(PWS) (759.81)</li> <li>• Neonatal Hypoglycemia associated with Growth Hormone Deficiency</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Document and go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4a.
4.a. Is the diagnosis: promotion of growth delay in a child with 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree burns (ICD-9 codes 941.3-949.3)?	<b>Yes:</b> Document and send to DHS Medical Director for review and pending approval	<b>No:</b> Deny, (medical appropriateness)
5. If male, is bone age <16 years? If female, is bone age <14 years?	<b>Yes:</b> Document and go to #6.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
6. Is there evidence of non-closure of epiphyseal plate?	<b>Yes:</b> Document evidence and approve for one year either (Child –Growth Failure) <b>OR</b> Female –Turner's Syndrome if applicable	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)

Pediatric Approval Criteria (<18 years old) – Renewal Therapy		
1. Document approximate date of initiation of therapy and diagnosis ( if not already done).		
2. Is growth velocity greater than 2.5 cm per year?	<b>Yes:</b> Document and go to next question.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
3. Is male bone age <16 yrs. And Is female bone age <14 yrs.?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for one year. Document either (Child –Growth Failure) <b>OR</b> Female – Turner's Syndrome if applicable	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)

## Adult Approval Criteria ( $\geq 18$ years old) - New Therapy

1. What is the diagnosis?	Record ICD9 code being treated.	
2. Is diagnosis hypothalamic or pituitary disease?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Go to next table (AIDS waiving)
3. Is this a request for initiation of growth hormone treatment?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to renewal criteria
4. Is GHD due to a destructive lesion of the pituitary or peri-pituitary area, (for example, pituitary adenoma), or as a result of treatment, such as cranial irradiation, or surgery?	<b>Yes:</b> If complete hypopituitarism/panhypopituitarism, document and go to #6. Otherwise, document and go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
5. Does client have a provocative stimulation test < 5 ng/ml if measured by radioimmunoassay or < 2.5 ng/ml if measured by immunoradiometric assay? <i>The insulin tolerance test is the preferred testing method, but other secretagogues, such as arginine, GHRH, and L-dopa are acceptable. Clonidine is not acceptable.</i>	<b>Yes:</b> Document and go to #6.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
6. Is client receiving full supplementation of deficient pituitary hormones, such as thyroid, glucocorticoids, or gonadotropic hormones?	<b>Yes:</b> Document and go to #7.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
7. Does client have at least ONE of the following abnormalities or elevated risk factors associated with GH deficiency, as evidenced by one of the following: (Document in notes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced bone mineral density (BMD) of greater than 1 SD below the mean, using the WHO criteria? <b>OR</b></li> <li>High risk lipid profile (total cholesterol level <math>\geq 240</math>mg/dl, or LDL level <math>\geq 190</math>mg/dl) <b>OR</b></li> <li>At least 2 pituitary hormone deficiencies (other than GH), such as TSH, ACTH, gonadotropins, or ADH.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for <b>2 Years</b> (Adult-Pituitary Insufficiency with Appropriate Testing)	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)

## Adult Approval Criteria ( $\geq 18$ years old) - Renewal Therapy (Required annually to check for therapy benefit)

<b>At 2 years client must show improvement in their original qualifying risk factor as compared to baseline; subsequent renewals must show maintenance of gains.</b>	<b>Document the ONE that client used as qualifier in original approval.</b>	
Has there been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in bone mineral density (BMD) per DEXA scan? <b>OR</b></li> <li>At least a 5% reduction in lipid panel <b>OR</b></li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Document Approve for 1 year (Adult-Pituitary Insufficiency with Appropriate Testing)	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH, DENY (Medical Appropriateness)
If client has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 pituitary hormone deficiencies no BMD or lipid</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Document and Approve for lifetime (12-31-2036) (Adult-Pituitary Insufficiency)	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)

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### AIDS Wasting – New Therapy

<b>1. Is the diagnosis AIDS wasting as defined by CDC?</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #2.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
<b>2. Is this a request for initiation of growth hormone treatment?</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Go to renewal criteria
<b>3. Has there been involuntary weight loss &gt; 10% of pre-illness weight with one of the following?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic diarrhea (at least two loose stools per day for 30 days or more)? <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Chronic weakness and documented fever for 30 days in the absence of any condition other than HIV infection that could explain the findings?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Document weights, go #4.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH. Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
<b>4. Is there documentation of failure with other wasting treatment modalities (e.g. Nutritional supplementation, dronabinol, megestrol or testosterone)?</b> <i>Treatment failure is indicated by a lack of overall weight gain of at least 5% in lean body mass in a 6-month treatment duration.</i>	<b>Yes:</b> Document and approve for 3 months (AIDS Wasting)	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH, Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)

### AIDS Wasting– Renewal Therapy

<b>Has client gained or maintained weight?</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Document weight and approve for 3 months(AIDS Wasting)	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
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## Hormones - Leuprolide

Approve for above-the-line conditions, such as central precocious puberty, endometriosis or prostate cancer and medically appropriate short-stature treatment.

**Initiative: MAP: Leuprolide**

**Authorize through age 12 years in girls, age 13 years in boys.**

**Requires PA: Leuprolide in children and adolescents ages 10 through 18.**

GCN	Generic Drug Name	Label Name Desc
44964	Leuprolide acetate intramusc 22.5mg disp syrin	Lupron depot 22.5 mg 3mo kit
44967	Leuprolide acetate sub-q 1mg/0.2ml kit	Lupron 2-wk 1 mg/0.2 ml kit
44968	Leuprolide acetate intramusc 30mg kit	Lupron depot-4 month kit
44969	Leuprolide acetate sub-q 1mg/0.2ml vial	Lupron 1 mg/0.2 ml vial
44970	Leuprolide acetate intramusc 7.5mg disp syrin	Lupron depot 7.5 mg kit
44980	Leuprolide acetate intramusc 11.25mg kit	Lupron depot 11.25 mg 3mo kt
45017	Leuprolide acetate intramusc 3.75mg kit	Lupron depot 3.75 mg kit
47665	Leuprolide acetate intramusc 11.25mg kit	Lupron depot-ped 11.25 mg kt
47666	Leuprolide acetate intramusc 7.5mg kit	Lupron depot-ped 7.5 mg kit
47851	Leuprolide acetate intramusc 15mg kit	Lupron depot-ped 15 mg kit
50363	Leuprolide acetate sub-q 7.5mg disp syrin	Eligard 7.5 mg syringe
50857	Leuprolide acetate sub-q 22.5mg disp syrin	Eligard 22.5 mg syringe
51826	Leuprolide acetate sub-q 30mg disp syrin	Eligard 30 mg syringe
58789	Leuprolide acetate sub-q 45mg disp syrin	Eligard 45 mg syringe

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated with leuprolide; what is the age and gender of the patient?	Record diagnosis and ICD9 code being treated.	
2. Is the patient female & < 13 years old or male & < 14 years old?	<b>Yes</b> , Go to #3.	<b>No</b> : Pass to RPH; Go to #3
3. Is the diagnosis one of the following? -central precocious puberty (CPP) aka precocious sexual development & puberty NOC ICD-9 259.1; -endometriosis ICD-9 617.0-617.9; -prostate cancer ICD-9 185, 189, 198; -uterine fibroids 218.9  • Note that CPP is often associated with hydrocephalus, cranial irradiation, Silver-Russell syndrome, hypothalamic tumor, or hamartoma. • All above diagnosis & conditions are rare in children and adolescents.	<b>Yes</b> : Approve through:  ➤ Age 12 for female ➤ Age 13 for male	<b>No</b> : Pass to RPH; Go to #4
<b>4. RPH only</b> All other indications need to be evaluated as to whether they are above the line or below the line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If above:</b> Deny, (Medical Appropriateness), e.g. when initial treatment not until age 10 years in girls, or age 12 years in boys; CPP beyond age 12 years in girls, or age 13 years in boys. Refer unique situations to Medical Director of DMAP.</li> <li>• <b>If below:</b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP), e.g unspecified psychosexual disorder, as sexual deviancy, or chemical castration as sexual disorder NOS, ICD-9 302.9</li> </ul>		

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Initiated: Via Retro DUR 11/07, 7/1/09 via PA

# Hormones - Testosterone

**Goal(s):**

- Cover only for covered diagnosis and for medically appropriate conditions.
- Use for body building is not covered.
- Use for sexual dysfunction is not covered.

**Length of Authorization: 6 months**

**Covered Alternatives:** Oral and IM testosterone DO NOT require PA.

**Requires PA:** HIC3 = F1A and ROA = TRANSDERM

Drug Code	Brand Name	Generic Name
GCN = 021606 & 021607	Testoderm patch	<b>Testosterone patch</b>
GCN = 045215 & 045216	AndroGel, Testim	<b>Testosterone gel</b>
GCN = 024137, 031376, 057874	Androderm, Testoderm TTS	<b>Testosterone patch</b>
GCN=045972, 051614	First-Testosterone	<b>Testosterone Cream or Ointment</b>
GCN = 029239	DHEA	<b>Prasterone w/ Vitamin E cream</b>

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated with topical testosterone?	Record the ICD9 code being treated with topical testosterone.	
2. Does the diagnosis for the medication requested include any of the following?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ovarian failure (256.31, 256.39)</li> <li>• Testicular Hypofunction (257.2)</li> <li>• Hypopituitarism and related disorders (253.2, 253.4, 253.7, 253.8)</li> <li>• AIDS-related cachexia (253.2)</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve medication x 6 mos (use appropriate PA reason)	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH RPH go to #3.
3. RPH only  All other indications need to be evaluated to see if they are above the line or below the line.	<b>Above:</b> Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)	<b>Below:</b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)

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## Laxatives (Selected Laxatives)

**Length of Authorization: 4 weeks to 12 months**

**Not covered by OHP:** Disorders of function of stomach and other functional digestive disorders (ICD-9: 536.0-536.3, 536.8-536.9, 537.1-537.2, 537.5-537.6, 537.89, 537.9, 564.0-564.7, 564.9). This includes chronic constipation and Irritable Bowel Syndrome.

**Covered Alternatives (do not require prior authorization):** lactulose, senna, sorbitol, polyethylene glycol (PEG, Miralax, Glycolax) and all other FDA approved laxatives.

**Requires PA:**

GCN	Brand	Generic
060341, 063946	Amitiza	Lubiprostone
064008, 064011	Relistor	Methylnaltrexone Bromide

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis and ICD9 code being treated?	Record the ICD9 code.	
2. Is request for methylnaltrexone (Relistor)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
3. Does the patient average < 3 spontaneous bms per week for at least 4 weeks AND have life expectancy less than 6 months AND continuous opioids for $\geq$ 60 days?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #8.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, Medical Appropriateness (only approvable for late-stage, advanced illness in a chronic condition or cancer, receiving continuous opioids)
4. Is the diagnosis IBS (564.1)?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH, Deny Not Covered by the OHP.	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
5. Is the diagnosis constipation (564.0, 564.2-564.7, 564.9) or gastroparesis (536.3)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #6.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RP Go to #9.
6. Is the constipation or gastroparesis secondary to one of the following?: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cancer (140-239)</li> <li>✓ Diabetes (250)</li> <li>✓ Neurologic disorders (330-337)</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #7.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH Go to #9.
7. Is patient $\geq$ 18 years old?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #8.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, Medical Appropriateness

8. Has patient failed, or become intolerant to, an adequate trial (2 weeks) of at least 3 of the following categories?

<b>A</b>	<b>Dietary modification—increased dietary fiber (25 g/day)</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Fiber supplementation/bulk laxatives (Psyllium, Metamucil, Perdiem, Fibercon, etc)</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Saline laxatives (milk of magnesia, magnesium citrate, Fleet phospho-soda, etc)</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Stimulant laxative (senna, bisacodyl, cascara sagrada, etc)</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Lactulose, sorbitol or polyethylene glycol (Miralax, Glycolax, etc)</b>

**Yes:** Approve for 4 months. Continued coverage will be dependent on documentation to support clinical response and lack of adverse effects to therapy.

**No:** Pass to RPH. Go to #9.

9. RPH only

- All other indications need to be evaluated to see if they are above or below the line.
- Lubiprostone (Amitiza): IBS not approvable. Chronic constipation secondary to an above the line diagnosis not listed above is approvable if medically appropriate and #7 & #8 are met.
- Methylnaltrexone (Relistor) is only approvable for late-stage, advanced illness in a chronic condition or cancer, receiving continuous opioids. Use beyond 4 months has not been studied. No efficacy or safety RCT's beyond 2 weeks have been done to date.

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# Leukotriene Inhibitors

**Goal(s):**

- Approve montelukast only for covered diagnosis.
- Allergic rhinitis treatment is covered by the OHP only when complicated by other diagnoses (e.g. Asthma, sleep apnea).
- Promote use that is consistent with Oregon Asthma Guidelines and medical evidence.  
[Http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/asthma/pubs.shtml#oregon](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/asthma/pubs.shtml#oregon)

**Length of Authorization: 6 months or 2 years, (diagnosis specific)**

**Covered Alternatives:**

Allergic Rhinitis: certirizine, chlorpheniramine, diphenhydramine, loratidine & hydroxyzine DO NOT require prior authorization.

Asthma: oral corticosteroid inhalers (see preferred drug list options at [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)), long-acting beta-agonist inhalers and zafirlukast (Accolate) DO NOT require prior authorization.

**Requires PA:** Singulair (montelukast) HSN= 016911

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record the ICD9 code.	
2. Does client have asthma or reactive airway disease (ICD-9: 493.xx)?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 2 years	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
3. Does client have diagnosis allergic rhinitis, allergic conjunctivitis, or chronic rhinitis/pharyngitis/nasopharyngitis? (ICD-9: 472.xx, 372.01-05, 372.14, 372.54, 372.56, 477.xx, 995.3, V07.1)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.
4. Does client have other co-morbid conditions or complications that are above the line? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute or chronic inflammation of the orbit (376.0 – 376.12)</li> <li>• Chronic Sinusitis (473.xx)</li> <li>• Acute Sinusitis (461.xx)</li> <li>• Sleep apnea (327.20,327.21,327.23-327.29,780.51, 780.53, 780.57)</li> <li>• Wegener’s Granulomatosis (ICD-446.4)</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.	<b>No:</b> PASS to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).
5. Does client have contraindications (e.g. Pregnant) or had insufficient response to at least 2 available alternatives? Document.	<b>Yes:</b> Approve 6 months	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Cost-Effectiveness)
6. Is the diagnosis COPD(496) or Obstructive Chronic Bronchitis? (491.1-491.2)	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness). Leukotriene not indicated	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #7.

<p>7. Is the diagnosis Chronic Bronchitis? (491.0, 491.8, 491.9)</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)  <b>MESSAGE:</b> <i>“The treatment for your condition is not a covered service on the Oregon Health Plan.”</i></p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH Go to #8.</p>
<p>8. RPH only: Is the diagnosis above the line or below the line?</p>	<p><b>Above:</b> Deny with yesterday’s date (Medically Appropriateness)</p> <p>Use clinical judgment to APPROVE for 1 month starting today to allow time for appeal.</p> <p><b>MESSAGE:</b> <i>“Although the request has been denied for long term use because it is considered medically inappropriate, it has also been APPROVED for one month to allow time for appeal.”</i></p>	<p><b>Below:</b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP) <i>“The treatment for your condition is not a covered service on the Oregon Health Plan.”</i></p> <p>(e.g. URI-465.9 or Urticaria-708.0,708.1,708.5,708.8,995.7, should be denied)</p>

Refer questions regarding coverage to DMAP.

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Suspended 12-17-04  
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# Lyrica (Pregabalin)

**Goal(s):**

- Cover pregabalin only for above-the-line diagnoses that are supported by the medical literature (e.g. Epilepsy, diabetic neuropathy, post-herpetic neuralgia).
- Pregabalin has not demonstrated superiority to other first-line treatments for neuropathic pain and its use should be reserved for treatment failure.

**Length of Authorization: 90 days to Lifetime (criteria specific)**

**Covered Alternatives:** Anxiety: SSRIs, TCAs, Benodiazepines, Buspirone  
Neuropathic pain: TCAs, Tramadol, Carbamazepine, Gabapentin

**Requires PA:** Pregabalin (Lyrica) HSN=026470

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record the ICD9 code.	
2. Does client have diagnosis of epilepsy? (ICD-9 code 345.0-345.9, 780.39, or 907.0)	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for lifetime (until <b>12-31-2036</b> )	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
3. Does the client have rheumatism, unspecified or fibrositis, fibromyalgia/ myalgia or myositis or below the line neuralgia/neuritis? (729.0, 729.1 or 729.2)	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #7	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
4. Does client have diagnosis of one the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetic neuropathy (ICD9: 250.6 &amp; subsets) – Document diabetic therapy (supporting meds)</li> <li>• Post-herpetic neuralgia (ICD9: 053 &amp; subsets)</li> <li>• Trigeminal and other above the line neuralgias (ICD9 350, 352)</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.
5. Has the client tried or are they contraindicated to gabapentin AND one of the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tcas</li> <li>• Carbamazepine</li> </ul> Document drugs tried or contraindications.	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 90 days with subsequent approvals dependent on documented* positive response for lifetime (12-31-2036) <i>* Documented response means that follow-up and response is noted in client's chart per clinic staff</i>	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness) and recommend trial of covered alternative.
6. Does the client have an anxiety disorder (ICD9 300xx)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #7.	<b>No:</b> Go to #8.
7. Has the client tried or are they contraindicated to at least two of the following drug classes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ssris</li> <li>• Tcas</li> <li>• Benzodiazepines</li> <li>• Buspirone</li> </ul> Document drugs tried.	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 90 days with subsequent approvals dependent on documented* positive response for lifetime (12-31-2036) approval.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness) and recommend trial of covered alternative.

8. Pass to RPH

- For Bipolar affective disorder: there is no data to support its use for this indication,(Deny Medical Appropriateness) recommend other alternatives (lithium, valproate, carbamazepine, lamotrigine)
- For Migraine prophylaxis: there is no data to support its use for this indication,(Deny Medical Appropriateness) recommend other alternatives (beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, valproate, gabapentin, tcas) Refer to American Academy of Neurology Guideline <http://www.neurology.org/cgi/reprint/55/6/754.pdf>
- If clinically warranted, may DENY yesterdays date (Medical Appropriateness) and use clinical judgement to APPROVE for 1 month starting today to allow time for appeal.
- **MESSAGE:**"Although the request has been denied for long term use because it is considered medically inappropriate, it has also been APPROVED for one month to allow time for appeal."

All other indications need to be evaluated to see if diagnosis is above or below the line:

- Above the line neuropathies found in table 1 (*list is not all inclusive*) may be approved for 90 days with subsequent approvals dependent on documented positive response.( *Documented response means that follow-up and response is noted in client's chart per clinic staff*) **ALSO see footnote\*\***
- Below the line neuropathies such as those found in table 2 (*list is not all inclusive*) that are related to above the line diagnoses found in table 3 may be approved for 90 days with subsequent approvals dependent on documented positive response.( *Documented response means that follow-up and response is noted in client's chart per clinic staff*) **ALSO see footnote\*\***

Below the line diagnoses should be **DENIED (Not covered by the OHP)**

**\*\* Please forward any neuropathy/neuralgia ICD-9 codes not found in the Table 1 to the Lead Pharmacist. These codes will be forwarded to DMAP for consideration.**

**Table 1 – Examples of other above the line neuropathies.**

ICD-9	Description
337.0	Idiopathic Peripheral autonomic neuropathy
354.2	Ulnar nerve lesion
356 – 356.9	Hereditary and idiopathic peripheral autonomic neuropathy
357.89, 357.9	Inflammatory Polyneuropathy
723.4	Brachial neuritis or radiculitis
724.4	Thoracic or Lumbosacral neuritis or radiculitis unspecified

**Table 2 – Examples of below the line diagnosis that can be approved ONLY if due to a condition that is found in Table 3**

ICD-9	Description
337.2	Reflex sympathetic dystrophy
337.3	Autonomic Dysreflexion
724.3	Sciatica –Neuralgia or neuritis of sciatic nerve
729.1	Myalgia Myositis
729.2	Neuralgia/Neuritis and Radiculitis Unspecified

**Table 3 – Above line condition that can be the basis of below line neuropathy found in Table 2.**

ICD-9	Above the line Condition
336.9	Unspecified disease of spinal cord
340	Multiple sclerosis
344.0	Quadraplegia
344.1	Paraplegia
754.2	Scoliosis
737.3	Kyphoscoliosis
907.0	Late effects of injuries to nervous system

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# Marinol (Dronabinol)

**Goal:**

Cover drugs only when used for covered OHP diagnoses, and restrict use to instances where medical evidence supports use (e.g. Nausea associated with chemotherapy). There is limited medical evidence supporting the use of dronabinol for many conditions.

[http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/reviews/articles/dronabinol.html](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/reviews/articles/dronabinol.html)

**Length of Authorization: 6 months to lifetime (criteria specific)**

**Covered Alternatives:** Metoclopramide (Reglan),  
 Prochlorperazine (Compazine)  
 Promethazine (Phenergan)  
 5 HT3 antagonists (Zofran, Anzemet, or Kytril) – PA'D for >3 days.

**Requires PA:** HSN = 001955 dronabinol (MARINOL)  
 No quantity limits for Oncology (cancer) related antiemetic use.

**Quantity Limits:** 2.5mg & 5mg - - 3 units / day  
 10mg - - 2 units / day  
 Apply **only** to AIDS/HIV related anorexia and Non-Oncology related antiemetic use

## Approval Criteria

1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record the ICD9 code being treated.									
2. Does client have diagnosis of anorexia associated with AIDS? HIV?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for lifetime (until 12-31-2036)Apply quantity limit (Anorexia associated with AIDS/HIV)	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.								
3. Does client have current diagnosis of cancer AND receiving chemotherapy or radiation therapy?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for length of chemo or radiation therapy. No quantity limit. (Chemotherapy <b>or</b> Radiation, whichever is applicable)	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.								
4. Does client have refractory nausea that would require hospitalization or ER visits?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.								
5. Has client tried two medications listed below?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to six months. Apply quantity limit (Refractory Nausea With Failure of Alternative Meds)	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.								
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<b>5 HT3 drugs - Anzemet, Kytri, or Zofran</b>										
6. Does client have contraindications, such as allergies, or other reasons they CANNOT use these anti-emetics? Document reason.	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to six months. Apply quantity limit (Refractory Nausea With Contraindication of Alternative Meds)	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.								
7. Does client have ONE of more of following diagnosis? Cancer associated anorexia, dystonic disorders, glaucoma, migraine, multiple sclerosis, pain	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #8.								
8. RPH only All other indications need to be evaluated to see if they are above or below the line	<b>Above:</b> Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)	<b>Below:</b> Deny, (Not-Covered by the OHP)								

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 Revision(s): 7-1-06, 5-31-05  
 Effective: 4-1-03

## Milnacipran (Savella)

**Goal(s):**

Cover milnacipran only for above-the-line diagnoses that are supported by the medical literature (e.g., depression).

**Initiative: Map: milnacipran (Savella)**

**Length of Authorization: 1 year**

**Covered Alternatives:** SSRIs, TCAs, other antidepressants

**Requires PA: milnacipran (Savella) HICL Seq Number = 21229**

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis?	Record ICD9 code and reject/internal error code.	
2. Does the client have rheumatism, unspecified or fibrositis, fibromyalgia/myalgia or myositis or below-the-line neuralgia/neuritis (728.0, 729.1 or 729.2)?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not covered by the OHP)	<b>No:</b> Go to #2.
3. Does the client have an anxiety disorder or depressive disorder (ICD9 296xx, 300xx, 309xx, 311xx)?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for one year.	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
<p><b>4. Pass to RPH</b></p> <p>All other indications need to be evaluated to see if diagnosis is supported by the medical literature and above or below the OHP coverage line.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For Psychiatric Disorders other than Depression: There is no data to support its use for any psychiatric indication other than depression indication, (Deny Medical Appropriateness) recommend other alternatives as appropriate. Evidence for use as an antidepressant is from European trials.</p> <p>Below the line diagnoses should be <b>Denied</b> (not covered by the OHP).</p>		

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*Revisions:*  
*Iniated:* 1/1/10

# Nasal Inhalers

**Goal(s):**

- Approve use of nasal inhalers only for covered diagnosis.
- Allergic rhinitis treatment is covered by the OHP only when complicated by other diagnoses (e.g. asthma, sleep apnea).
- Promote use that is consistent with Oregon Asthma Guidelines and medical evidence.  
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/asthma/pubs.shtml#oregon>

**Length of Authorization: 6 months**

**Covered Alternatives:** Oral corticosteroid inhalers, certirizine, chlorpheniramine, diphenhydramine, loratidine & hydroxyzine DO NOT require prior authorization.

**Requires PA:** Nasal antihistamines, Nasal cromolyn, Nasal steroids

(LIST MAY NOT BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL DRUGS)

HIC3 Code	Generic Name	Brand Name(s)
Q7E	azelastine	Astelin
Q7H	cromolyn	NasalCrom
Q7P	beclomethasone	Beconase AQ, Vancenase
	budesonide	Rhinocort
	flunisolide	Nasarel, Nasalide
	fluticasone	Flonase
	mometasone	Nasonex
	triamcinolone	Nasacort AQ, Tri-Nasal
	ciclesonide	Omnaaris

## Approval Criteria

<b>1.</b> What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record the ICD9 code being treated.	
<b>2.</b> Does patient have diagnosis allergic rhinitis, allergic conjunctivitis, or chronic rhinitis/pharyngitis/nasopharyngitis? (ICD-9: 472.xx, 372.01-05, 372.14, 372.54, 372.56, 477.xx, 995.3, V07.1)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.
<b>3.</b> Does patient also have asthma or reactive airway disease exacerbated by chronic/allergic rhinitis (493.xx)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
<b>4.</b> Does the drug profile show an asthma controller medication (e.g. ORAL inhaled steroid, leukotriene antagonist, etc.) &/or rescue beta-agonist (e.g. albuterol) within the last 6 months? <i>(Keep in mind albuterol may not need to be used as often if asthma is controlled on other medications.)</i>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 6 months	<b>If No: Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)</b> Oregon Asthma guidelines recommend all asthma patients have access to rescue inhalers and those with persistent disease should use anti-inflammatory medicines daily (preferably orally inhaled steroids).

<p><b>5.</b> Does patient have other co-morbid conditions or complications that are above the line?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute or chronic inflammation of the orbit (376.0 – 376.12)</li> <li>• Chronic Sinusitis (473.xx)</li> <li>• Acute Sinusitis (461.xx)</li> <li>• Sleep apnea (327.20,327.21,327.23-327.29,780.51, 780.53, 780.57)</li> </ul> <p>Wegener's Granulomatosis (ICD-446.4)</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Document ICD-9 codes and go to #6.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> If No, Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).</p>
<p><b>6.</b> Does patient have contraindications (e.g. pregnant), or had insufficient response to available alternatives ? <b>Document:</b></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve 6 months.</p>	<p><b>No.</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Cost-Effectiveness)</p>
<p><b>7.</b> Is the diagnosis COPD(496) or Obstructive Chronic Bronchitis (491.1-491.2)</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness). Nasal steroid not indicated</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #8.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> Is the diagnosis Chronic Bronchitis (491.0, 491.8, 491.9)?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Go to #9.</p>
<p><b>9.</b> RPH only: Is the diagnosis above the line or below the line?</p>	<p><b>Above:</b> Deny, yesterday's date (Medically Appropriateness)</p>	<p><b>Below:</b> Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP) (e.g. URI-465.9 or Urticaria-708.0,708.1,708.5,708.8,995.7, should be denied)</p>

**Refer questions regarding coverage to DMAP.**

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*Last Revision(s):* 8-11-09,7-1-09, 9-1-06, 7-1-06, 3-20-06, 5-31-05, 10-14-04, 8-1-02,  
*Initiation:* ??

## Nutritional Supplements (Oral Administration Only)

- Restrict use to clients unable to take food orally in sufficient quantity to maintain adequate weight.
- Requires ANNUAL nutritional assessment for continued use.
- Use restriction consistent with DMAP EP/IV rules at:  
<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/homeiv/main.html>

These products are NOT Federally rebate-able; Oregon waives the rebate requirement for this class.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- ✓ Nutritional formulas, when administered enterally ( g-tube), are no longer available through the point of sale system.
- ✓ Service providers should use the CMS 1500 form and mail to DMAP, P.O. Box 14955, Salem, Oregon, 97309 or the 837P electronic claim form, and not bill through POS.
- ✓ When billed correctly with HCPCS codes for enterally given supplements, enterally administered nutritional formulas do not require a prior authorization. However, the equipment does require a PA (i.e., pump).
- ✓ Providers can be referred to 800-642-8635 or 503-945-6821 for enteral equipment PAs
- ✓ For complete information on how to file a claim, go to:  
[Http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/homeiv/main.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/homeiv/main.html)

**Length of Authorization: up to 1 year**

**Note: Criteria divided into:** 1) Clients 6 years or older  
 2) Clients under 6 years

**For Nutritional Supplement Fax Questionnaire, see Appendix**

**Not-Covered:** Supplements and herbal remedies such as Acidophilis, Chlorophyll, Coenzyme Q-10, Fish Oil, are not covered and should not be approved.

**Requires PA:** All supplemental nutrition products in HIC3 = C5C, C5F, C5G, C5U, C5B (Nutritional bars, liquids, packets, powders, wafers such as Ensure, Ensure Plus, Nepro, Pediasure, Promod).

**CLIENTS 6 YEARS OR OLDER**

**Document:**

- Name of product being requested
- Physician name
- Quantity/Length of therapy being requested

**Approval Criteria**

1. What is the diagnosis responsible for needing nutritional support?	Record ICD9 code being treated.	
2. Is product requested a supplement or herbal product without an FDA indication?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness )	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
3. Is the product to be administered by enteral tube feeding ( g-tube)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #10.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.

<p><b>4.</b> All indications need to be evaluated as to whether they are above the line or below the line:</p>	<p><b>Above the line:</b> Go to #5.</p>	<p><b>Below the line:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).</p>
<p><b>5.</b> Is this request for a client that is currently on supplemental nutrition?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #6.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #7.</p>
<p><b>6.</b> Has there been an annual assessment by MD for continued use of nutritional supplement? Document assessment date</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve up to 1 year</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Request documentation of assessment OR Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>
<p><b>7.</b> Client must have a nutritional deficiency identified by one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has there been a recent (within year) Registered Dietician assessment indicating adequate intake is not obtainable through regular/liquefied or pureed foods? (<i>Supplement cannot be approved for convenience of client or caregiver.</i>) <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Is there a recent serum protein level &lt; 6?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #8.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> Does the client have a prolonged history (&gt;1 year) of malnutrition and cachexia <b>OR</b> reside in a LTC facility or chronic home care facility? <b>Document:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residence</li> <li>• Current weight</li> <li>• Normal weight</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #9.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Request more documentation OR Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>
<p><b>9.</b> Does the client have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increased metabolic need resulting from severe trauma (e.g. Severe burn, major bone fracture, etc.)? <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Malabsorption difficulties (e.g. Crohns Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, bowel resection/ removal, Short Gut Syndrome, gastric bypass, renal dialysis, dysphagia, achalasia, etc)? <b>OR</b></li> <li>• A diagnosis that requires additional calories and/or protein intake (e.g. Cancer, AIDS, pulmonary insufficiency, MS, ALS, Parkinson's, Cerebral Palsy, Alzheimers, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Request more documentation <b>OR</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>

<p><b>10.</b> Is this request for a client that is currently on supplemental nutrition?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for 1 month and reply: <i>Nutritional formulas, when administered by enteral tube, are no longer available through the point of sale system. For future use, service providers should use the CMS form 1500 or the 837P electronic claim form and not bill through POS. A one-month approval has been given to accommodate the transition.</i></p> <p>Please visit: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/homeiv/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/homeiv/main.html</a></p>	<p><b>No:</b> Enter an Informational PA and reply: <i>Nutritional formulas, when administered by enteral tube, are no longer available through the point of sale system. For future use, service providers should use the CMS form 1500 or the 837P electronic claim form and not bill through POS. When billed using a HCPCS code, enterally administered nutritional formulas do not require a prior authorization. However, the equipment does require a PA. Providers can be referred to 800-642-8635 or 503-945-6821 for enteral equipment pas.</i></p> <p>For complete information of how to file a claim, please visit: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/homeiv/main.html">Http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/homeiv/main.html</a></p>
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## CLIENTS AGED 5 YEARS and UNDER

### Document:

- Name of product being requested
- Physician name
- Quantity/Length of therapy being requested

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated that is responsible for needing nutritional support?	Record the ICD9 codes.	
2. All indications need to be evaluated as to whether they are above or below the line covered diagnoses.	<b>Above the line:</b> Go to #3.	<b>Below the line:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)
3. Is the product to be administered by enteral tube feeding (g-tube)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #9.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
4. Is this request for a client that is currently on supplemental nutrition?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.
5. Has there been an annual assessment by MD for continued use of nutritional supplement? <i>No recent weight loss, serum protein level or dietitian assessment required if body weight being maintained by supplements due to clients medical condition.</i> Document assessment date.	<b>Yes:</b> Approve up to 1 year	<b>No:</b> Request more documentation OR Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)
6. Is the diagnosis failure to thrive (FTT)? (783.41)	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year.	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.

<p><b>7. Does the client have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increased metabolic need resulting from severe trauma (e.g. Severe burn, major bone fracture, etc.)? <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Malabsorption difficulties (e.g. Crohns Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, bowel resection/ removal, Short Gut Syndrome, gastric bypass, renal dialysis, dysphagia, achalasia, etc)? . <b>OR</b></li> <li>• A diagnosis that would require additional calories and/or protein intake (e.g. Cancer, AIDS, pulmonary insufficiency, Cerebral Palsy, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 1 year.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #8.</p>
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**Note: Normal Serum Protein 6 – 8 g/dl  
Normal albumin range 3.2 – 5.0 g/dl**

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# Opioids - Long-Acting

**Initiative:** Long Acting Opioids for PDL

**Length of Authorization:** Up to 1 year

Approve use of non-preferred long-acting opioids only for covered diagnosis.

<b>OHP does not cover:</b>				
<b>Disorders of soft tissue</b>	<i>Includes ICD9:</i>	<b>OR</b>	<b>Acute and chronic disorders of spine without neurologic impairment</b>	<i>Includes ICD9:</i>
	729.0-729.2, 729.31-729.39, 729.4-729.9, V53.02			721.0 721.2-721.3 721.7-721.8 721.90 722.0-722.6 722.8-722.9 723.1 723.5-723.9 724.1-724.2 724.5-724.9 739 839.2 847

**Preferred Alternatives:** Listed at: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

**Requires PA:**

GCN	Brand	Generic
050219 050222 050221 050220	<b>Avinza</b>	<b>Morphine Sulfate</b>
065544 065545 065546 065547 065548 065549	<b>Embeda</b>	<b>Morphine Sulfate/ Naltrexone</b>
015883 059102 015880 015881 015882	<b>Duragesic &amp; Generics</b>	<b>Fentanyl</b>
061092 063783 061093 063784 061094 061091 063782	<b>Opana ER</b>	<b>Oxymorphone HCL</b>
024504 063515 045129 024505 063516 024506 063517 025702	<b>Oxycontin &amp; Generics</b>	<b>Oxycodone HCL</b>

## Approval Criteria

1. What is the patient's diagnosis?	Record ICD9 code.			
<p>2. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product?</p> <p>Message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred products do not require PA.</li> <li>• Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness &amp; safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC).</li> </ul> <p>Reports are available at:  <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/EvidenceBased_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/EvidenceBased_Reports.shtml</a>.</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class.  <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a></p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #3.</p>		
3. Is the diagnosis above the line (see above for examples of diagnoses not covered)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #8.	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.		
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6. Is this new therapy (i.e. no previous prescription for the same drug last month)?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH, Deny; (Not Covered by the OHP)	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.		
7. Is this patient terminal (< 6 months) or admitted to hospice?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 6 months.	<b>No:</b> Go to #8.		

<p>8. Does dose exceed 120mg Morphine Equivalents per day?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>a. Fentanyl 50mcg/day</b>  <b>b. Hydromorphone 30mg/day</b>  <b>c. Oxycodone 80mg/day</b>  <b>d. Oxymorphone 40mg/day</b>  <b>e. Methadone 40mg/day</b></p> </div>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #9.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #10.</p>
<p>9. Is the patient seeing a single prescribing practice &amp; pharmacy for pain treatment?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> <u>Approve for 90 days.</u> Refer to Rx "Lock-in" program for evaluation, monitoring &amp; potential taper.</p> <p>Further approvals pending RetroDUR/Medical Director review of case.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> <u>Approve 30 days only;</u> Refer to Rx Lock-In program for evaluation, monitoring &amp; potential taper.</p> <p>Further approvals pending RetroDUR/Medical Director review of case.</p>
<p>10. Is the patient concurrently on other long-acting opioids (e.g. fentanyl patches, methadone, or long-acting morphine, long-acting oxycodone, long-acting oxymorphone)?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH. Go to #11.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Approve for up to 1 year.</p>
<p>11. Is the duplication due to tapering or switching products?</p> <p>The concurrent use of multiple long-acting narcotics is not recommended unless tapering and switching products. Consider a higher daily dose of a single long-acting opioid combined with an immediate release product for breakthrough pain.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ohsu.edu/ahec/pain/home.html">http://www.ohsu.edu/ahec/pain/home.html</a></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> <u>Approve for 30-90 days</u> at which time duplication LAO therapy will no longer be approved.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Deny, Appropriateness.</p> <p>May approve for taper only.</p> <p>If necessary, inform prescriber of provider reconsideration process and refer to RetroDUR for review.</p>

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# Opioids - Methadone – High Dose Limit

**Goal(s):**

- Ensure safe use of methadone.
- Approval for >100mg/day only after assessment of QTc risk factors by prescriber.
- Methadone has been associated with adverse cardiac effects as stated below in an excerpt of the FDA Black Box Warning:

*Cases of QT interval prolongation and serious arrhythmia (torsades de pointes) have been observed during treatment with methadone. Most cases involve patients being treated for pain with large, multiple daily doses of methadone, although cases have been reported in patients receiving doses commonly used for maintenance treatment of opioid addiction.*

See Oregon DUR Board newsletter at:

- [http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume11/DURV11I2.pdf](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume11/DURV11I2.pdf)
- [http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume5/5\\_5.html](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume5/5_5.html)

**Initiative:** Methadone High Dose Limit

**Length of Authorization:** up to 6 months

**Preferred Alternatives:** Listed at: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

Approval Criteria		
<p><b>1.</b> Does the patient have any of the following QTc Risk Factors?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a)</b> Family history of “long QTc syndrome”, syncope, sudden death</li> <li><b>b)</b> Potassium depletion primary or secondary to drug use ( i.e. diuretics)</li> <li><b>c)</b> Concurrent use of C34 inhibitors or QTc prolonging drugs (see table below)</li> <li><b>d)</b> Structural heart disease, arrhythmias, syncope</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #2.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Approve up to 6 months but be sure prescriber is aware of black box warning.</p>
<p><b>2.</b> Is this new therapy (i.e. no previous prescription for the same drug last month)?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness) Go over black box warning and offer alternatives (e.g. Duragesic or LA morphine).</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH, Approve for 30-60 days to allow time to taper or transition to alternative. Direct to DUR Newsletter for assistance. Refer to Rx “Lock-in” Program for evaluation and monitoring.</p>

**Table 2 – Possible Methadone drug interactions causing QTc prolongation or cardiac arrhythmias**

Drug / Drug Class	CYP 450	QT prolonging	Contraindicated
Clarithromycin, erythromycin, telithromycin	X	X	
Itraconazole, ketoconazole, voriconazole	X		X
Posaconazole	X		
Isoniazide	X		
Quinidine	X	X	
HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors	X		
HIV protease inhibitors	X		
Amiodarone	X	X	
Norfloxacin	X	X	
Sertraline	X		
Tricyclic antidepressants	X		
Antipsychotics (typical & atypical)		X	
Thioridazine			X
Ziprasidone			X
Other antiarrhythmics (see <a href="https://online.epocrates.com">https://online.epocrates.com</a> for complete list)		X	
Some fluoroquinolones (spar-, gati-, levo-, moxi-)		X	
Ranolazine		X	

Source: Epocrates online database. <https://online.epocrates.com>

This is not a comprehensive list of possible drug-drug interactions. Additional drug-drug interactions may be viewed at Epocrates online database (see above url address).

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Revision(s)  
Initiated: 1/1/10

# Opioids - Narcotic Combination – Excessive dose limits

**Goal(s):**

- Avoid adverse effects due to high dose of combined ingredient by enforcing FDA maximum dose labeling.
- Pay only for treatment of covered OHP diagnoses

**Length of Authorization: None**

**Covered Alternatives:**

Pharmacy may need to adjust days supply entry.  
 Prescriber may choose a product with a higher ratio of narcotic to keep APAP or ASA within maximum limits or use a single-ingredient opioid.

**Requires PA:**

Limits by the maximum dose of the non-narcotic ingredient(s).  
 Acetaminophen is not to exceed 4 gms/day.  
 Aspirin is not to exceed 8 gms/day.

### Approval Criteria

1. What is the diagnosis being treated with the opioid combination? (See tables)	Record ICD9 code being treated with the opioid combination.	
2. Does daily dose exceed the maximum for combination ingredient?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Instruct pharmacy to correct days supply entry
3. All indications need to be evaluated as to whether they are above the line or below the line.	<b>Above:</b> Pass to RPH, DENY, (Medical Appropriateness) Review FDA maximum dose and provide alternatives.	<b>Below:</b> Pass to RPH, DENY, (Not Covered by the OHP) Review FDA maximum dose and provide alternatives

**Examples of products containing aspirin that are limited 8 grams per day of ASA**

Aspirin Combinations			
Drug	Maximum quantity per day	Drug	Maximum quantity per day
Codeine /ASA 15/325 mg	24.6 tablets	Oxycodone/Oxycodone terp/ASA 2.25/0.19/325 mg	24.6
Codeine/ASA 30/325 mg	24.6 tablets	Oxycodone/Oxycodone terp/ASA 4.5/0.38/325 mg	24.6
Codeine/ASA 60/325 mg	24.6	Propoxyphene/ASA 65/325 mg	24.6
Codeine/ASA/Caffeine/Butalbital - 7.5/325/40/50 mg	24.6	Propoxyphene nap/ASA 100/325 mg	24.6
Codeine/ASA/Caffeine/Butalbital - 15/325/40/50 mg	24.6	Propoxyphene/ASA/Caffeine 32/389/32mg	20.6
		Propoxyphene/ASA/caffeine 65/389/32 mg	20.6
		Pentazocine/ASA 22.5/325 mg	24.6
		Dihydrocodone/ASA/Caffeine 16.2/356.4/	22.4

**Examples of products containing acetaminophen that are limited to 4 grams per day of APAP**

<b>Hydrocodone/APAP combinations</b>			
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Maximum quantity per day</b>	<b>Drug</b>	<b>Maximum quantity per day</b>
Hydrocodone/APAP 2.5/500mg	8 tablets	Hydromorphone/APAP10/400 mg	10 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500mg	8 tablets	Hydrocodone/APAP 10/500mg	8 tablets
Hydrocodone /APAP 5/400 mg	10 tablets	Hydrocodone/APAP 10/650mg	6.2 tablets
Hydrocodone /APAP 7.7/400 mg	10 tablets	Hydrocodone/APAP 10/660mg	6.1 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/500mg	8 tablets	Hydrocodone 7.5mg/APAP 500mg per 15 ml Elixir	120 ml
Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/650mg	6.2 tablets	Hydrocodone 5 mg/APAP 100mg/5ml	200 ml
Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/750mg	5.3 tablets	Hydrocodone 5 mg/APAP 120 mg/5 ml	166.5 ml
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325mg	12.3 tablets	Hydrocodone 2.5 mg/APAP 167 mg/15 ml	359.6 ml

<b>Propoxyphene/APAP combinations</b>	
Propoxyphene /APAP 65/650mg	6.1
Propoxyphene nap100mg/APAP 500mg	8

<b>Oxycodone/APAP combinations</b>	
Oxycodone/APAP 2.5/325mg	12 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 5/325mg	12 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 5/500	8 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 7.5/325mg	12 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 7.5/500mg	8 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 10/325mg	12 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 10/650mg	6 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 5/325 per 5 ml	61.5 ml

<b>Codeine/APAP combinations</b>	
Codeine/APAP Elixir 120mg/5ml and 12mg/5ml	500 ml
Codeine /APAP 15/300mg (Tylenol #2)	12.3
Codeine /APAP 30/300mg (Tylenol #3)	12.3
Codeine /APAP30/ 300mg (Tylenol #4)	12.3

<b>Tramadol/APAP combinations</b>	
Tramadol/APAP 37.5/325mg	12

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*Initiated:*

## Preferred Drug List (PDL) – Non-Preferred Drugs in Select PDL Classes

The purpose of this prior authorization policy is to ensure that non-preferred drugs are used for an above-the-line condition.

Select classes include:
Alzheimers Drugs
Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors
Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors + Hydrochlorothiazide
Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers
Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers + Hydrochlorothiazide
Beta-Agonists, Inhaled Short-Acting
Beta-Blockers, Oral
Calcium Channel Blockers, Oral Dihydropyridine
Calcium Channel Blockers, Oral Non-Dihydropyridine
Diabetes, Oral Hypoglycemics
Diabetes, Oral Thiazolidinediones
Hormone Replacement Therapy, Oral
Hormone Replacement Therapy, Topical
Hormone Replacement Therapy, Vaginal
Multiple Sclerosis Drugs
Overactive Bladder Drugs
Platelet Inhibitors
Statins & Combinations
Targeted Immune Modulators

**Initiatives:** PDL: Preferred Drug List

**Length of Authorization:** up to 1 year

**Preferred Alternatives:** All preferreds on PDL list: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

Approval Criteria			
1. What is the diagnosis?	<b>Record ICD9 code.</b>		
2. Is this an OHP covered diagnosis?	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH: Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH: Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).
<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH: Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP).		
3. Is this a continuation of current therapy (i.e. filled prescription within prior 90 days)? Verify via pharmacy claims.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Yes:</b> Document prior therapy in PA record. Approve for 1 year</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>No:</b> Go to #4.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yes:</b> Document prior therapy in PA record. Approve for 1 year	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
<b>Yes:</b> Document prior therapy in PA record. Approve for 1 year	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.		
4. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product? Message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preferred products do not require PA.</li> <li>Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness &amp; safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC). Reports are available at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a>.</li> </ul>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><b>No:</b> Approve for 1 year or length of prescription, whichever is less.</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a>	<b>No:</b> Approve for 1 year or length of prescription, whichever is less.
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Revision(s):

Initiated: 1/1/10

## Pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin

**Goal(s):** Cover drugs only for those clients where there is medical evidence of effectiveness and safety.

**Initiative:** Hepatitis C

**Length of Authorization:** 16 weeks plus 12- 36 additional weeks or 12 months

**Requires PA:** All drugs in HIC3 = W5G

HSN	Brand	Generic	Form
004184	Copegus	Ribavirin	Tablet
004184	Rebetol	Ribavirin	Capsule, Solution
004184	Ribapak	Ribavirin	Tab DS PK
004184	Ribasphere	Ribavirin	Capsule, Tablet
004184	Ribatab	Ribavirin	Tablet, Tab DS PK
004184	Ribavirin	Ribavirin	Capsule, Tablet
018438	Rebetron	Ribavirin/Interferon A-2B	KIT
021367	Peg-Intron	Peginterferon ALFA-2B	KIT, PEN IJ KIT
024035	Pegasys	Peginterferon ALFA-2A	KIT, VIAL

Approval Criteria		
1. Is peginterferon requested preferred?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Go to #2.
2. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product? Message: - Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness & safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC). Reports are available at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a>	<b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class and proceed to #3. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a>	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
3. Is the request for treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C? Document appropriate ICD9 code: (571.40; 571.41; 571.49)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #10.
4. Is the request for continuation of therapy? (Patient has been on HCV treatment in the preceding 12 weeks according to the Rx profile)	<b>Yes:</b> Go to "Continuation of Therapy"	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
5. Does the patient have a history of treatment with previous pegylated interferon-ribavirin combination treatment?  Verify by reviewing member's Rx profile for PEG-Intron or Pegasys, PLUS ribavirin history. Does not include prior treatment with interferon monotherapy or non-pegylated interferon.	<b>Yes:</b> Forward to DMAP Medical Director	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.

<p><b>6.</b> Does the patient have <u>any</u> of the following contraindications to the use of interferon-ribavirin therapy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• severe or uncontrolled psychiatric disorder</li> <li>• decompensated cirrhosis or hepatic encephalopathy</li> <li>• cytopenias</li> <li>• untreated hyperthyroidism</li> <li>• severe renal impairment or transplant</li> <li>• autoimmune disease</li> <li>• pregnancy</li> <li>• unstable CVD</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Deny; Pass to RPH (Medical Appropriateness)</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #7.</p>
<p><b>7.</b> If applicable, has the patient been abstinent from IV drug use or alcohol abuse for <math>\geq</math> 6 months?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #8.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Deny; Pass to RPH, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>
<p><b>8.</b> Does the patient have a detectable HCV RNA (viral load) &gt; 50IU/mL? Record HCV RNA and date:</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #9.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Deny, Pass to RPH, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>
<p><b>9.</b> Does the patient have a documented HCV Genotype? Record Genotype:</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> <u>Approve for 16 weeks</u> with the following response: Your request for has been approved for an initial 16 weeks. Subsequent approval is dependent on documentation of response via a repeat viral load demonstrating undetectable or 2-log reduction in HCV viral load. Please order a repeat viral load after 12 weeks submit lab results and relevant medical records with a new PA request for continuation therapy. Note: For ribavirin, approve the generic only</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Deny; Pass to RPH, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>
<p><b>10.</b> Is the request for Pegasys and the treatment of confirmed, compensated Chronic Hepatitis B?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #11.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Deny; Pass to RPH, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>
<p><b>11.</b> Is the patient currently on LAMIVUDINE (EPIVIR HBV), ADEFOVIR (HEPSERA), ENTECAVIR (BARACLUDE), TELBIVUDINE (TYZEKA) and the request is for combination Pegasys-oral agent therapy?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Deny; Pass to RPH, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #12.</p>
<p><b>12.</b> Has the member received previous treatment with pegylated interferon?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b>Deny; Pass to RPH, (Medical Appropriateness) Recommend: LAMIVUDINE (EPIVIR HBV) ADEFOVIR (HEPSERA)</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Approve Pegasys #4 x 1ml vials or #4 x 0.5 ml syringes per month for 12 months (maximum per lifetime).</p>

## Continuation of Therapy- HCV

1. Does the client have undetectable HCV RNA or at least a 2-log reduction (+/- one standard deviation) in HCV RNA measured at 12 weeks?

**Yes:** Approve as follows:

Genotype	Approve for	Apply
1 or 4	<b>An additional 36 weeks</b> or for up to a total of 48 weeks of therapy (whichever is the lesser of the two).	Ribavirin quantity limit of 200 mg tablets QS# 180 / 25 days (for max daily dose =1200 mg).
2 or 3	<b>An additional 12 weeks</b> or for up to a total of 24 weeks of therapy (whichever is the lesser of the two).	Ribavirin quantity limit of 200 mg tab QS# 120 / 25 days (for max daily dose = 800 mg).
For all genotypes and HIV co-infection	<b>An additional 36 weeks</b> or for up to a total of 48 weeks of therapy (whichever is the lesser of the two)	Ribavirin quantity limit of 200 mg tablets QS# 180 / 25 days (for max daily dose = 1200 mg).

**Note: Approval for beyond quantity and duration limits requires approval from the medical director.**

**No:** Deny; (Medical Appropriateness)

Treatment with pegylated interferon-ribavirin does not meet medical necessity criteria because there is poor chance of achieving an SVR.

### Clinical Notes:

- Serum transaminases: Up to 40 percent of clients with chronic hepatitis C have normal serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) levels, even when tested on multiple occasions.
- RNA: Most clients with chronic hepatitis C have levels of HCV RNA (viral load) between 100,000 (10<sup>5</sup>) and 10,000,000 (10<sup>7</sup>) copies per ml. Expressed as IU, these averages are 50,000 to 5 million IU. Rates of response to a course of peginterferon-ribavirin are higher in clients with low levels of HCV RNA. There are several definitions of a "low level" of HCV RNA, but the usual definition is below 800,000 IU (~ 2 million copies) per ml.(5)
- Liver biopsy: Not necessary for diagnosis but helpful for grading the severity of disease and staging the degree of fibrosis and permanent architectural damage and for ruling out other causes of liver disease, such as alcoholic liver injury, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, or iron overload.

Stage is indicative of fibrosis:		Grade is indicative of necrosis:	
Stage 0	No fibrosis		
Stage 1	Enlargement of the portal areas by fibrosis	Stage 1	None
Stage 2	Fibrosis extending out from the portal areas with rare bridges between portal areas	Stage 2	Mild
Stage 3	Fibrosis that link up portal and central areas of the liver	Stage 3	Moderate
Stage 4	Cirrhosis	Stage 4	Marked

### The following are considered investigational and/or do not meet medical necessity criteria:

- ✓ Treatment of HBV or HCV in clinically decompensated cirrhosis
- ✓ Treatment of HCV or HBV in liver transplant recipients
- ✓ Re-treatment of HCV or HBV previous non-responders or relapsers
- ✓ Treatment of HCV or HBV > 48 weeks
- ✓ Treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma
- ✓ Treatment of thrombocytopenia
- ✓ Treatment of human papilloma virus
- ✓ Treatment of multiple myeloma

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 Revision(s): 1-1-10, 5-22-08 (Koder)  
 Initiated: 1-1-07

# Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI)

**Goal(s):**

- Promote PDL options.
- Restrict chronic use (>eight weeks) to patients who failed H2-antagonist, omeprazole, Aciphex, or Prilosec OTC therapy or who have severe disease, e.g. Barrett's, or Zollinger Ellison syndrome.
- Restrict BID use to patients with severe disease, H.pylori or pediatric patients.

**Initiative:** PPI Clinical Edit & PDL

**Length of Authorization: 2 weeks to lifetime (criteria specific)**

**Notes:**

- This is a "global" PA.
- If an active PA for a PPI already exists, then **any** PPI will pay.
- A new PA is required if the dosing schedule changes, e.g., an active PA for once daily dosing restricts the PPI to once a day.
- BID dosing requires a new PA, however, the strength of the dose could be increased without an additional PA, e.g, a change from 20 mg daily could be increased to 40 mg ONCE a day without an additional PA.

**Covered Alternatives without PA:**

- ✓ Aciphex (HSN = 018847)
- ✓ Prilosec OTC (HSN= 011115)
- ✓ Omeprazole (HSN=004673)
- ✓ H2-antagonists, sucralfate and antacids

**Preferred PPIs: Listed at:** [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

**Check the reason for the PA request: *Non-Preferred drugs will deny on initiation.***

ROUTE	HICL	BRAND	GENERIC	FORMULATIONS
Oral	021607	Nexium	Esomeprazole	Capsules, delayed-release: 20, 40mg Suspension, delayed-release pkts: 10, 20, 40mg
Oral	008993	Prevacid	Lansoprazole	Capsules, delayed-release: 15, 30 mg Enteric coated granules for oral suspension, delayed release: 15, 30mg Solu Tab: 15, 30 mg orally disintegrating tablet
Oral	025742	Prevacid NapraPAC	Lansoprazole + Naproxen	Delayed release capsules + naproxen tablets kit - 15 – 375, 15 -500
Oral	004673	Zegerid	Omeprazole	Packet for solution: 20, 40mg Capsules: 20, 40mg
Oral	036085	Dexilant	Dexlansoprazole	Capsules, delayed-release: 30, 60mg
Oral	011590 022008	Protonix	Pantoprazole	Tablets, delayed-release: 20 mg, 40 mg Suspension, delayed-release: 40mg
Oral	011590	Pantoprazole	Pantoprazole	Tablets, delayed-release: 20 mg, 40 mg

**Approval Criteria next page.**

## Approval Criteria

1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record ICD9 code and reject/internal error code	
2. Is the drug requested preferred?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
<p>3. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product? Message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred products do not require PA within recommended dose limits.</li> <li>• Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness &amp; safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC).</li> </ul> <p>Reports are available at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class. <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a></p>	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
<p>4. Is diagnosis</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Zollinger-Ellison (251.5)?</li> <li>2. Barrett's esophagus (530.85)?</li> <li>3. Multiple Endocrine Adenoma (237.4)?</li> <li>4. Malignant Mastoma (202.6)?</li> <li>5. MEN Type I (258.01)?</li> </ol>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for a life-time; BID dosing OK.	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
5. Is the diagnosis dyspepsia (536.8)?	<b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (OHP coverage) - Diagnosis is below the line; Prilosec OTC, Aciphex, omeprazole or H2 antagonists are available without PA.	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.
<p>6. Has patient tried and failed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Omeprazole 40mg/day for 8 week trial (2 weeks for H. Pylori)?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #7.	<b>No:</b> Go to 12.
7. Is diagnosis H.Pylori?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 2 weeks – BID dosing OK	<b>No:</b> Go to #8.
8. Is diagnosis active GI bleed? (531.0-531.2, 532.0-532.2, 533.0-533.2, 534.0-534.2)	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 8 weeks – BID dosing OK	<b>No:</b> Go to #9.
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<p><b>9.</b> Is diagnosis Gastric or Duodenal Ulcer (531.3-531.9, 531.3-532.9, 533.3-533.9, 534.3-534.9) and/or does patient have 2 or more of the following risk factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt; 65 years</li> <li>• requires &gt; 3 mths of NSAIDs, aspirin or steroids</li> <li>• on anticoagulation (warfarin, enoxapirin, etc.)</li> <li>• History of GI Bleed or Ulcer?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve QD for 1 year, if previously failed an 8 week QD trial at highest dose approve BID for 1 year.</p> <p>May approve BID dosing for pediatrics &lt;12 years old</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #10.</p>
<p><b>10.</b> Is the diagnosis symptomatic GERD (530.81, 530.10 – 530.19)</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve QD dosing for 1 year, if previously failed an 8 week QD trial at highest dose approve BID for 1 year.</p> <p>May approve BID dosing for pediatrics &lt;12 years old</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #11.</p>
<p><b>11.</b> Is diagnosis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ulcer of esophagus (530.2x)</li> <li>b. Stricture &amp; stenosis of esophagus (530.3)</li> <li>c. Perforation of esophagus (530.4)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve up to BID for 1 year.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #13.</p>
<p><b>12.</b> Is the request for Prevacid Solutab for tube administration?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve QD dosing for 1 year. May approve BID dosing for pediatrics &lt;12years old.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPh. DENY (Cost-effectiveness) Recommend omeprazole 20mg QD or BID.</p>
<p><b>13.</b> All other diagnoses will need to be evaluated by a pharmacist for appropriateness and OHP line coverage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnoses above the line and where PPI is appropriate can be covered.</li> <li>• Diagnoses below the line and where PPI is appropriate should be denied as not covered.</li> <li>• Diagnoses above the line but where PPIs are not appropriate should be denied and not medically appropriate.</li> </ul>	

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# Regranex

## Wound Healing Agent

**Goal(s):** To cover agents only for above-the-line diagnosis and those indicated by medical evidence, i.e. Restrict diabetic neuropathic ulcers.

**Length of Authorization: 6 months**

**Requires PA:**

HSN	GENERIC	BRAND
017028	Becaplermin	Regranex

### Approval Criteria

1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record ICD9 code.	
2. Is the diagnosis stated as Diabetic neuropathic ulcers ?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness).
3. Does the client take any oral antidiabetic meds/insulin OR has office faxed documentation of diabetic status?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve ONLY 15 grams of Regranex at a time x 6 mos	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness).

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## Risperdal Consta – Quantity Edit

Goal(s): To insure the use of the appropriate billing quantity.

**Length of Authorization – Date of service OR 1 year, depending on criteria**

**PA Required: Risperdal Consta**

This is a quantity initiative, **not a clinical initiative**. The syringe is 2 ml size . The pharmacy must submit the dispensing quantity as 1 syringe not 2 ml.

Approval Criteria		
1. Is the quantity being submitted by the pharmacy expressed correctly as # syringes?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #2.	<b>No:</b> Have pharmacy correct to the number of syringes instead of ml's.
2. Is the amount requested above 2 syringes per 18 days for one of the following reasons? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medication lost</li> <li>Medication dose contaminated</li> <li>Increase in dose or decrease in dose</li> <li>Medication stolen</li> <li>Admission to a long term care facility</li> <li>Any other reasonable explanation?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for <b>date of service only</b> (use appropriate PA reason)	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
3. Is the pharmacy entering the dose correctly and is having to dispense more than 2 syringes per 18 days due to the directions being given on a <b>weekly basis instead of every other week</b> .	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 1 year. (use appropriate PA reason)	Please Note: This medication should NOT be denied for clinical reasons.

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*Effective:* 11-18-04

# Skeletal Muscle Relaxants

**Goal(s):**

- Cover non-preferred drugs only for above-line-line diagnosis.
- Restrict carisoprodol to short-term use per medical evidence.
- There are no long-term studies of efficacy or safety for carisoprodol.
- Case reports suggest it is often abused and can be fatal when used in association with opioids, benzodiazepines, alcohol or illicit drugs.
- Carisoprodol is metabolized to meprobamate.
- See DUR Board Newsletter for more information at:

[http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug\\_policy/pages/dur\\_board/newsletter/articles/volume4/4\\_8.html](http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/pages/dur_board/newsletter/articles/volume4/4_8.html)

**Initiative: Skeletal Muscle Relaxant PDL & Carisoprodol Quantity Limit**

**Length of Authorization: Up to 6 months**

**Preferred Alternatives:** See PDL options: [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools\\_prov/pdl.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/tools_prov/pdl.shtml)

Cyclobenzaprine (similar to tricyclic antidepressants – TCAs) has the largest body of evidence supporting long-term use and is the preferred product in the muscle relaxant class. For patients that have contraindications to TCAs, NSAIDs, benzodiazepines or opioids are other alternatives. OHP does not cover pain clinic treatment.

**Check the reason for the request:**

- Non-Preferred drugs will deny on initiation
- Carisoprodol will deny only when maximum dose exceeded

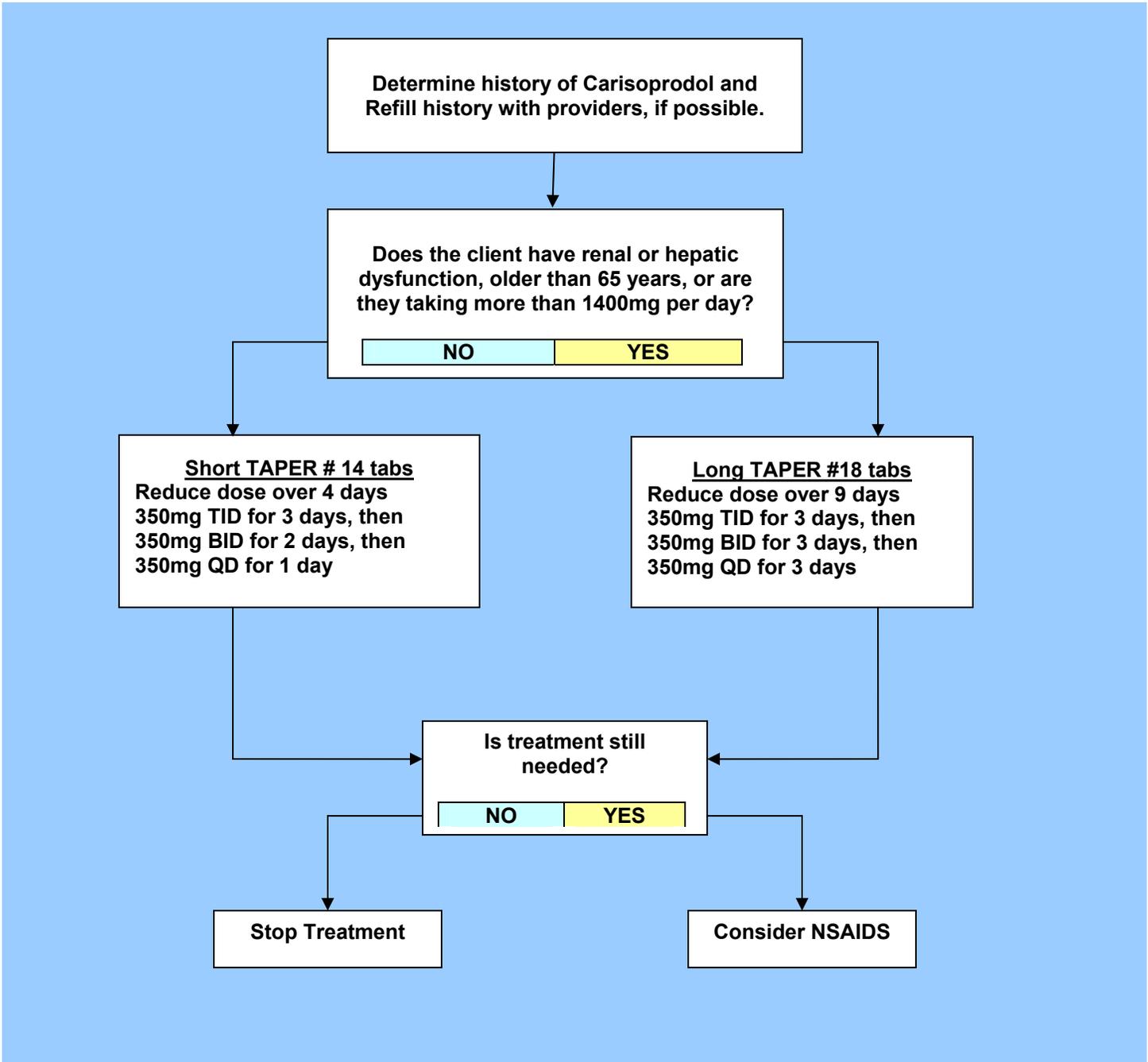
**Carisoprodol product limited to** Quantities >56 tablets during a rolling 90-days.

GCN	GENERIC	BRAND
004663, 023385	Carisoprodol	Soma
004661	Carisoprodal/aspirin	Soma Compound
048518	Carisoprodol/asa/codeine	Soma Compound w/codeine

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record ICD9 code.	
2. Is diagnosis covered by the Oregon Health Plan?	<b>Yes:</b> Got to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)
3. Is drug requested carisoprodol?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #6.
4. Does total quantity of carisoprodol (Soma) products exceed 56 tablets within 90 days?  From claims, document product, dose, directions, and amount used during last 90 days:	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Quantities less than 56 tablets within 90 days DO NOT require a prior authorization; override edit if needed
5. Does patient have a terminal illness (e.g. metastatic CA, end stage HIV, ALS)?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 6 months.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH, Go to #7.

<p><b>6. Will the prescriber consider a change to a preferred product?</b>  <b>Message:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred products do not require PA</li> <li>• - Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness &amp; safety by the Health Resources Commission (HRC).</li> </ul> <p>Reports are available at:  <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/HRC/Evidence_Based_Reports.shtml</a></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in class and carisoprodol dose limits.  <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/healthplan/guides/pharmacy/main.html</a></p>	<p><b>No.</b> Approve for up to 6 months</p>
<p><b>7. Pharmacist's Statement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carisoprodol cannot be approved for long term usage.</li> <li>• Patients are limited to 56 tablets in a 90 day period.</li> <li>• It is recommended that the patient undergo a "taper" of the Soma (Carisoprodol) product of which a supply may be authorized for this to occur.</li> <li>• The amount and length of taper depends upon the patient's condition. Does the patient meet one or more of the following?: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ &gt;65 years old</li> <li>▪ Renal Failure</li> <li>▪ Hepatic failure</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Take &gt; 1400mg per day (&gt;3.5 tablets)</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> <i>Document reason and approve long taper:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>Authorize 18 tablets</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Reduce dose over 9 days</i></li> <li>✓ <i>350mg TID X 3 days, then</i></li> <li>✓ <i>350mg BID X 3 days, then</i></li> <li>✓ <i>350mg QD x 3 days then evaluate</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>No:</b> <i>Approve short taper:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>Authorize 10 tablets</i></li> <li>✓ <i>Reduce dose over 4 days</i></li> <li>✓ <i>350 mg tid x 1 day, then</i></li> <li>✓ <i>350 mg bid x 2 days, then</i></li> <li>✓ <i>350 mg QD x 1 day, then evaluate</i></li> </ul>

# Tapering Carisoprodol



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Revision(s): 1-1-10, 11-18-04  
Initiated: 12-6-02

## Topamax (Topiramate)

**Goal(s):** Approve topiramate only for covered diagnoses (above the line) that are supported by the medical literature (e.g. Epilepsy, and migraine prophylaxis).

Topiramate has not demonstrated superiority to placebo for the treatment of bipolar affective disorder. Its use should be reserved for treatment failure.

**Note:** Weight loss is not covered by the OHP.

**Length of Authorization: 90 days to Lifetime (criteria specific)**

**Covered Alternatives:**

Bipolar affective disorder: lithium, valproate, lamotrigine, carbamazepine,  
Migraine prophylaxis: tcas, beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, valproate,  
Gabapentin (Refer to American Academy of Neurology Guideline  
<http://www.neurology.org/cgi/reprint/55/6/754.pdf> )

**Requires PA:** Clients >18 years old; Topiramate (Topamax) HSN=011060

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record the ICD9 code being treated.	
2. Does client have diagnosis of epilepsy (ICD-9 code 345.0-345.9, 780.39, or 907.0)?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for lifetime (until <b>12-31-2036</b> )	<b>No:</b> Go to #3.
3. Does the client have a diagnosis of migraine (ICD9 346)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4.	<b>No:</b> Go to #5.
4. Has the client tried or are they contraindicated to at least two of the following drug classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tcas</li> <li>• Gabapentin</li> <li>• Beta blockers</li> <li>• Calcium channel blockers</li> <li>• Valproate</li> </ul> <b>Document drugs tried or contraindications.</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for 90 days with subsequent approvals dependent on documented* positive response for lifetime (12-31-2036) <i>*Documented response means that follow-up and response is noted in client's chart per clinic staff</i>	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness) and recommend trial of covered alternative. Refer to practice guideline <a href="http://www.neurology.org/cgi/reprint/55/6/754.pdf">http://www.neurology.org/cgi/reprint/55/6/754.pdf</a>
5. Does the client have a diagnosis of bipolar affective disorder or schizoaffective disorder (ICD9 296 and subsets)? (ICD9 2965(?) And subsets)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #6.	<b>No:</b> Go to #7.

<p><b>6.</b> Has the client tried or are they contraindicated to at least two of the following drugs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lithium</li> <li>• Valproate and derivatives</li> <li>• Lamotrigine</li> <li>• Carbamazepine</li> <li>• Atypical antipsychotic</li> </ul> <p><b>Document drugs tried or contraindications.</b></p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for 90 days with subsequent approvals dependent on documented positive response for lifetime approval.*</p>	<p><b>No:</b> PASS TO RPH, DENY(Medical Appropriateness) and recommend trial of covered alternative.</p>
<p><b>7.</b> Is the client using the medication for weight loss? (Obesity ICD9 278.0, 278.01)?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Not covered by the OHP)</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Go to #8.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> Pass to RPH.</p> <p>All other indications need to be evaluated for appropriateness:</p> <p>Neuropathic pain Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Substance abuse</p>	<p><b>Use is off-label:</b> Deny, (Medical Appropriateness) Other treatments should be tried as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Below the line diagnoses:</b> Deny, (Not covered by the OHP)</p> <p><b>If clinically warranted:</b> Deny, yesterdays date (Medical Appropriateness) and use clinical judgement to approve for 1 month starting today to allow time for appeal.</p> <p><b>MESSAGE:</b> "Although the request has been denied for long term use because it is considered medically inappropriate, it has also been APPROVED for one month to allow time for appeal."</p>	

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DUR Board Action: (9-20-2007, 11-29-2007)  
Revision(s):  
Initiated: 4/1/08

# Weight Loss Medications

**Goal(s):**

- Cover drugs only for covered diagnoses.
- Obesity treatment is generally not covered by the OHP and amphetamines are NOT covered for weight loss.

OREGON Medicaid restricts access to Orlistat for weight loss, but CMS states Medicaid programs must make it **available for hypercholesterolemia**.

**Note:** For Weight Loss Fax Questionnaire

**Length of Authorization: 4 months, (ONCE IN A LIFETIME)**

HSN	Generic Name
018751	Orlistat
016924	Sibutramine
002070	Benzphetamine
002112	Phentermin Resin
002116	Diethylpropion
002111	Phentermine
002115	Bontril

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record the ICD9 code being treated.	
2. Is the diagnosis obesity or weight related?	Yes: Go to #3.	No: Go to #4.
<b>3. Client requesting weight reduction drugs must meet the following four requirements (A.B.C. &amp; D):</b>		
<b>A.</b> Does the client have documented diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus?	<b>Yes:</b> Proceed with next question	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH: Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the client have documented anti-diabetic medications on their profile?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Document medication(s) used <i>and</i> Go to <b>B.</b>	
<b>B.</b> Does client have hyperlipidemia?	<b>Yes:</b> Proceed with next question	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does client have documented lipid-lowering therapy on profile?</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Proceed with next question	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request clients last serum LDL cholesterol concentration</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is LDL <math>\geq</math> 160mg/dl</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Go to <b>C.</b>	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH: Deny, (Not Covered by the OHP)
<b>C.</b> Is the client obese?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to <b>D.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document height, Document weight:(see charts below)</li> </ul>		
<b>D.</b> Is the client on a 1200 calorie or less diet?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve weight Loss medication for four (4) months: <b>NOTE: THIS IS NOT RENEWABLE- THIS IS A LIFETIME LIMIT OF FOUR MONTHS</b>	

<p><b>4.</b> Is Orlistat being used to treat hypercholesterolemia? (<i>OREGON Medicaid restricts access to orlistat for weight loss, but CMS states Medicaid programs must make it available for hypercholesterolemia</i>).</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny, (Medical Appropriateness)</p>
<p><b>5.</b> Has client failed or is intolerant to Statin, fibrate, or bile acid sequestrant therapy?</p>	<p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for 3 month with subsequent approvals (up to 1 year) dependent on favorable response.</p>	<p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH and suggest alternatives; generic lovastatin is the preferred statin. If not willing to switch, approve for 3 month with subsequent approvals (up to 1 year) dependent on favorable response.</p>

<b>We Can! Watch Our Weight</b>																	
	Healthy Weight						Overweight						Obese				
BMI	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Height	Body Weight (pounds)																
4'10"	91	96	100	105	110	115	119	124	129	134	138	143	148	153	158	162	167
4'11"	94	99	104	109	114	119	124	128	133	138	143	148	153	158	163	168	173
5'0"	97	102	107	112	118	123	128	133	138	143	148	153	158	163	168	174	179
5'1"	100	106	111	116	122	127	132	137	143	148	153	158	164	169	174	180	185
5'2"	104	109	115	120	126	131	136	142	147	153	158	164	169	175	180	186	191
5'3"	107	113	118	124	130	135	141	146	152	158	163	169	175	180	186	191	197
5'4"	110	116	122	128	134	140	145	151	157	163	169	174	180	186	192	197	204
5'5"	114	120	126	132	138	144	150	156	162	168	174	180	186	192	198	204	210
5'6"	118	124	130	136	142	148	155	161	167	173	179	186	192	198	204	210	216
5'7"	121	127	134	140	146	153	159	166	172	178	185	191	198	204	211	217	223
5'8"	125	131	138	144	151	158	164	171	177	184	190	197	203	210	216	223	230
5'9"	128	135	142	149	155	162	169	176	182	189	196	203	209	216	223	230	236
5'10"	132	139	146	153	160	167	174	181	188	195	202	209	216	222	229	236	243
5'11"	136	143	150	157	165	172	179	186	193	200	208	215	222	229	236	243	250
6'0"	140	147	154	162	169	177	184	191	199	206	213	221	228	235	242	250	258
6'1"	144	151	159	166	174	182	189	197	204	212	219	227	235	242	250	257	265
6'2"	148	155	163	171	179	186	194	202	210	218	225	233	241	249	256	264	272
6'3"	152	160	168	176	184	192	200	208	216	224	232	240	248	256	264	272	279
6'4"	156	164	172	180	189	197	205	213	221	230	238	246	254	263	271	279	287

Source: Evidence Report of Clinical Guidelines on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults, 1998, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, <http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2005/document/html/hchapter3.htm>

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